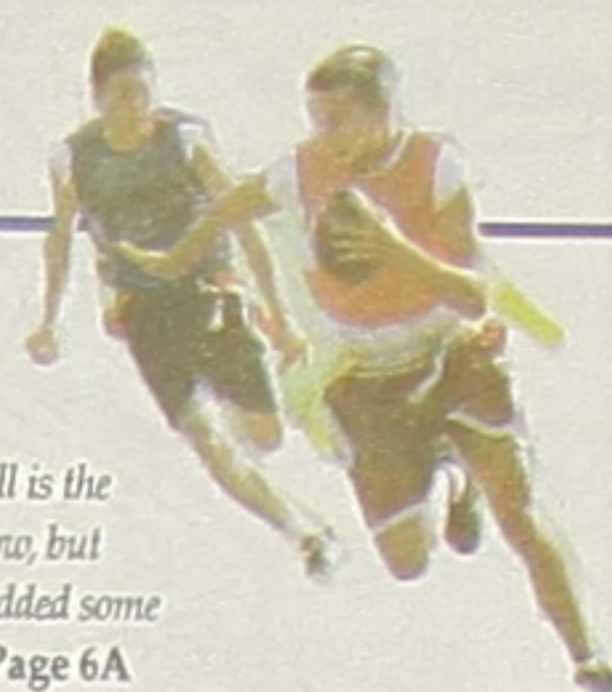


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## ASSESSMENT

### Retention rates fall 5 percent

By AARON DESLATTE  
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Freshmen enrollment at Missouri Southern may be up from last year, but statistics indicate a growing number of last year's students are electing not to return.

According to figures released by Southern's center for assessment and institutional research, student retention from the 1997-98 academic year has dropped about 5 percent from the previous year.

Approximately 66.7 percent of full-time, degree-seeking freshmen returned for the 1998-99 academic year — down from 71.8 percent of freshmen who returned the year before.

Dr. Delores Honey, assessment director, heads a task force charged with exploring the reasons why students decide not to return to the College.

She said the increase hasn't triggered any warning flares yet, but was substantial enough to catch the task force's attention.

"It's not going away by any means," she said. "Usually, the hardest year for retention is the freshmen to sophomore year."

That is the time when students tend to have the biggest adjustments to make economically and socially, she said.

"Until you walk in their shoes, you don't get what the college experience is that we provide. That is one of the focuses we have this year," she said. "Ultimately, they are our customer and our product."

She also cited a steadily improving local economy and the availability of jobs as reasons for the lower student retention.

"Traditionally, enrollment goes down when the economy is good, because more jobs are available," Honey said.

In the Joplin area, unemployment was at 4.2 percent for the month of July, according to the Department of Labor and Industrial Resources. Low unemployment spells tighter competition.

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Senior starting quarterback Brad Cornelsen suffered a broken foot during the first quarter of Missouri Southern's 20-6 loss to Pittsburg State last Saturday in the United States Cellular Miner's Bowl. Approximately 300 Lions football fans piled into the visitor's section of Pittsburg's Carney Smith Stadium for the game.

## Tradition, pride keep fans faithful

By NICK PARKER  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

### Student LifeBeat



These special feature stories are designed specifically for you—the students. If you have story suggestions please call 625-9311.

Creating a speck of green in a sea of red, several Missouri Southern students crowded into the south end zone of Pittsburg State University's Carney Smith Stadium for Saturday's Miner's Bowl.

Led by several members of Southern's Greek society, approximately 300 Lion fans worked to make their voices heard among the more than 8,500 PSU faithful.

Lined up along the back of the end zone, Southern fans yelled encouragement as the Lions' offense pushed for a score. In the second half, when an apparent Southern touchdown was

called back by the officials, security was forced to push back a rowdy mob. As one Lion fan put it, "We just want to be as loud and rowdy as we can be."

Early in the game, fans had cause to worry when senior quarterback Brad Cornelsen hobbled off the field. As Cornelsen made his way to the locker room for examination, backup Mark Lloyd took over under center. Lloyd's second appearance of the season was welcomed by the throng of Southern faithful.

"This year there weren't as many of us [fans] as we've had before, but we were just going to make sure our fans were noticed," said Kappa Alpha president Rob Huffman. "At first, people in the bleachers were yelling at us to sit

down, but it was nice to see later when people started joining us up front."

Tradition plays a large role for fans attending the Miner's Bowl. Not only are the Gorillas Southern's closest road game, but they are also the Lions' main rival.

The Lions may hold only one Miner's Bowl victory over PSU, but according to Huffman, tradition and a love of rivalries keep students coming back to support their team.

"Hey, we'll beat them again someday," he said. "School pride has a lot to do with it. True fans stay behind their teams."

"Traditional rivalries like this one are important. There's no way we could get rid of this, even if we wanted to.

Rivalries are good for both the fans and the team. I don't think we would have yelled so loud or the team played so hard if not for the rivalry. Hey, even the mascots fought. What more can a fan ask for?"

Mandy Stark, senior criminal justice administration major, said rivalries are good, but sometimes disdain for the other team can be taken too far.

"I think a friendly rivalry is good, but I've heard a lot of horror stories about people going too far," she said. "Like last year, a girl got her car spray-painted red and gold by one of the Pittsburg fans. That can happen when entire towns get into the rivalry. But for the most part, rivalries can be good." □

## Collection part of African celebration

By NICK PARKER  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Amidst photography depicting the life and times of Henri Matisse and Pablo Picasso sit several masks, sculptures, and other pieces of Africa's history.

Whether they are considered pieces of art or precious artifacts from ancient Africa, John and Pam Finley have spent the last five years collecting relics from past African cultures.

Although the Joplin couple has not yet trod upon African soil, they are always on the lookout for pieces of Africa.

The Finleys presented a portion of their collection to approximately 30 people during a presentation Sept. 22 in the Spiva Art Gallery.



The Chart takes a closer look at Missouri Southern's Africa semester... Section B

"This really has become a passion for both of us," John Finley said. "I'm a plastic surgeon, as well as having an interest in art. I see a massive amount of visual communication in the art. I never want these to be just seen; they need to be appreciated because they all say something."

Val Christensen, Gallery coordinator, asked the Finleys to share parts of their collection with Southern in conjunction with the Africa Semester.

"He (John Finley) did all of the selections for this collection," Christensen said. "He has brought a range of material, including sculptures, masks, pottery, and metals. When we began getting ready for the Africa Semester, I just asked him to borrow a few pieces."

Finley said he was also trying to show the effects African art had on some of the more prominent 20th century artists.

"I think it is pretty obvious that this art had a tremendous impact on Western art," Finley said. "They (Africans) were doing abstract art long before Picasso and the western world. Henri Matisse and Pablo Picasso both became aware of it, and it changed the direction of art in the 20th century. They were responding to the abstract qualities, rather than the communicative aspects of these objects."

The collection will be on display through Oct. 9. □



NOPPADOL PAOTHONG/The Chart

This sculpture is one of several items donated by Dr. and Mrs. Finley. The Finley collection is part of a campus-wide celebration of the Africa Semester.

HELEN S. BOYLAN SYMPOSIUM

## Former Cherokee chief set as keynote speaker

11th annual event to focus on human rights

By JEFF BILLINGTON  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian honor, will be gracing Missouri Southern with her presence on Tuesday.

Wilma Mankiller, former principal chief of the Cherokee Nation, will be the featured guest at this year's Helen S. Boylan Symposium at 7:30 p.m. in Webster Hall auditorium.

"She is a identifiable quantity not just in the women's movement, but in American politics," said Tom Simpson, associate professor of political science.

Simpson said Mankiller is an important speaker because of the views she has on certain human rights subjects and the role of women in power.

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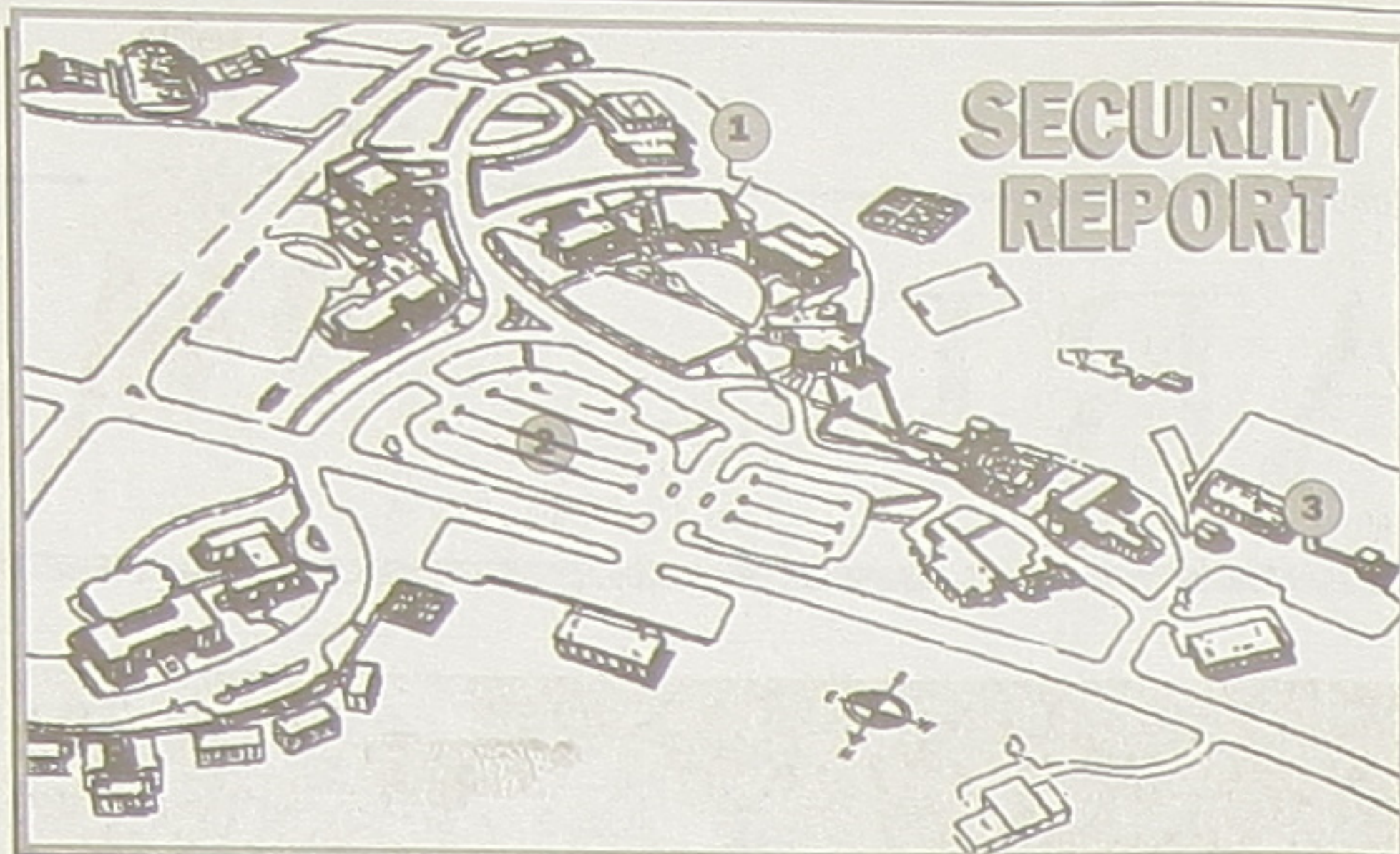
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## SECURITY REPORT

- 1 09/28/98 Lot #11 9:00 a.m. Jennifer N. Campbell, freshman pre-med major, reported while looking for a parking spot behind Young Gymnasium she hit a parked vehicle. She said the large black truck was parked in the roadway at the end of the lot. Campbell said when she came back after class to leave a note, the truck was gone. Her white Oldsmobile Cutlass was damaged on the left-side door and the rear quarter panel, making her unable to open the driver side door.
- 2 09/28/98 Lot #39 11:55 a.m. Kathy Cumberland, freshman undeclared major, said she parked her 1996 Chevrolet Cavalier in the main lot at 11:00 a.m. When she returned at 11:50 a.m., there was a dent in the left front fender, and she was unable to open the door.
- 3 09/28/98 11:55 a.m. Connie Kennedy was helping her husband Monte Kennedy unload a semi-truck at receiving when a pallet of paper fell off the back of the trailer. Connie attempted to stop the pallet, but it fell on her and broke apart. She was complaining of pain in her right knee and a bump on the back of her head. She declined treatment.

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### CORRECTION

Due to a reporter's error a name was misspelled in last week's issue of *The Chart*. Xander Tiberias Eck was born at 6:51 a.m., Saturday Sept. 26 at Freeman Hospital.

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## RESIDENCE HALLS

## Dorms are tighter squeeze for women

By ERIC GRUBER  
STAFF WRITER

While finding a decent parking spot may not be dependent upon sex, it can make a difference when it comes to student housing.

Due to trends in increasing student enrollment and the current set-up of student housing, females living on campus have a slightly

more difficult time getting the housing they prefer.

"We have a greater percentage of women than we do men," said Deb Gipson, coordinator of student housing. "We're full, but I don't think that we're overcrowded."

Of the traditional student housing, the residence halls present some of the obstacles. Blaine Hall, the men's residence hall, has a maximum occupancy of 200,

whereas McCormick Hall holds only 100 and is designated for women. Other housing arrangements include the apartments.

"It makes it more of a challenge," Gipson said. "The only place we have to go is the apartments."

The apartments may have been a little crowded at the beginning of the semester, but due to transfers and students dropping school, the situation is now more bearable.

Ron Mitchell, resident director, said there were few problems with housing for men.

"We've had plenty of room for guys," he said. "There was no overcrowding at all."

Doug Carnahan, dean of students, agrees that although the housing is full, it's far from making the students feel like sardines.

"We're pleasantly full," he said. "Right now, of the 64 apartments,

we only have six without a fifth person in those apartments."

The abundance of students needing housing is not viewed by College officials as a negative but a gentle nudge that expansion may be needed in the future.

"I think eventually that need is going to come," Gipson said.

"But I don't think we'll come to that point until the next five years or so," □

## WHO WANTS IT?



Russell Levinson gets the crowd's attention Tuesday in front of Billingsly Student Center with free merchandise as part of a Barq's Rootbeer promotional tour. The tour stopped at college campuses across the nation with Southern as the final stop. Promoters of the tour gave out 200 t-shirts, 1,000 cans of root beer and 500 copies of an NBC sit-com video tape.

NOPPADOL PAOTHONG/The Chart

## ADMISSIONS

## Ambassadors bring order from tour chaos

By MICHELLE CONTY  
STAFF WRITER

Another program designed to make Missouri Southern stand out from the crowd of colleges and universities flocking to high school seniors is now in working order.

The student ambassador program evolved from the admissions program as an extended campus tour program. Student-led tours are offered every weekday at 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. and the first Saturday of every month.

"In the past we used work-study students to give the tours," said Mary Adamson, adviser for the ambassador program. "When tours increased, the downfall was the students in the office would drop what they were doing to give a tour. Office work would get behind. We needed more tour guides. Many other colleges and

universities have ambassadors for this reason."

Twenty-three ambassadors have been selected: Robby Ball, Amy Graves, Stephan Johnson, Jesse Simmons, Heather Hoyle, Rowdy Pyle, Brad Burley, Chris Horine, Lindsay Carnahan, Elizabeth Schurman, Steve Gurley, Nathan Box, Aqueelah Jackson, Lyndsey Kenealy, Rachelle Hawks, Lashonda Jones, Courtney Hulsey, Tyler Shields, Ryan Barrett, Laura Nuckolls, Melanie Waggoner, Sandra Williams, and Sarah Williams.

Students who were thought to have an interest in such a program were mailed fliers. However, anyone is welcome to apply. This is a selective program, and certain criteria must be met. Students must have a 2.5 grade-point average or better, show they are active in campus activities, have a good interview, and be able to talk for two minutes on a given topic concerning Southern. They must be able to answer or

attempt to answer questions similar to those asked by many visiting students and parents.

Slots will be opening in December, since some of the ambassadors are graduating. Students must reinterview every year to remain ambassadors.

"We selected freshmen to seniors, a wide range of students," Adamson said. "We were looking for someone who had some knowledge of the campus and showed there is no other school they would rather be at. We wanted enthusiastic, Missouri Southern-loving people."

"I felt since I had been here for four years and had been involved with different clubs around campus and intramurals, I thought I should pass on my knowledge to the people visiting campus," said Barrett, a senior chemistry major. "If they had any questions, I could help

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## TECHNOLOGY

No new toys...yet  
Instructors are kept waiting for tardy computer shipmentsBy MARLA HINKLE  
ASSISTANT EDITOR

Access denied is the message being sent to some faculty who ordered new computers for this semester.

Although the problem is not technical, the absence of system units that go with monitors is creating some problems for instructors.

"I ordered some new computers and the monitors are here, but the other components are not," said Jim Gilbert, director of financial aid. "I have five computers now and only two are working. I need more computers to handle the workload of financial aid and be compliant with the regulations for the new millennium."

Terry Chenoweth, receiving coordinator, has noticed that many orders have come in with missing components.

"There is a tremendous amount of equipment that has not been coming in on time," he said.

Many instructors who have placed orders either have to wait a long time to receive the computers, or only the monitor arrives.

"Connecting Point is where the computers are ordered from here in Joplin, and it usually does not take this long," Chenoweth said.

Dave Throop, purchasing agent, said he has not noticed a great number of orders being late.

"There are some faculty who have received only some parts of the computer, but not that many," Throop said. "Steve Earney has placed more orders than anyone on campus and has not complained of late orders."

Delivery usually takes only 30 days according to Earney, assistant vice president for information services.

He said problems with orders can occur when backorders for popular brands are placed.

"I don't think it's that big of a problem," Earney said. "People just don't want to wait the three weeks it usually takes for a computer to be delivered." □

## SOUTHERN NEWS BRIEFS

## 'Chart' claims tenth Pacemaker distinction

For the 10th time in its history, *The Chart* has been named a Pacemaker Finalist by the Associated Collegiate Press (ACP).

Twenty newspapers were named as finalists in the four-year non-daily category. In addition to *The Chart*, other finalists are Saint Louis University, Webster University, Southwest Missouri State University, Loyola University, California State University-Chico, Pepperdine University, University of Santa Clara, Northeastern University, Wake Forest University, University of North Carolina-Charlotte, Indiana State University, Western Kentucky University, Murray State University, Tulane University, Saint Bonaventure University, Clemson University, University of South Dakota, the University of Colorado-Denver, and the School of the Art Institute of Chicago.

From the 20 finalists, 10 National Pacemaker awards will be presented Nov. 7 at the ACP national convention in Kansas City. A judging panel from the *Kansas City Star* selected the finalists and winners.

To enter the Pacemaker competition, *The Chart* submitted its issues from Oct. 17 and 24, 1997, and March 13 and April 10, 1998.

*The Chart* won its first National Pacemaker award in 1997 and was also a Pacemaker Finalist in 1994, 1992, 1991, 1990, 1989, 1988, 1986, and 1982. □

## Africa semester comes to College television

An upcoming edition of "Newsmakers" on Missouri Southern Television (KGCS) will feature a special Africa Semester program with Missouri Southern alumni Gary Nodler and Bev Zerkel.

"Newsmakers" host Judy Stiles interviews the two about their experiences and observations in Kenya and Egypt.

The program will air at 5:30 a.m. Saturday on KOAM, 8 p.m. Wednesday on KGCS, and 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 9 on KOZJ. □

## Nursing group to hold international meeting

A biannual meeting of the Missouri Southern Nursing Honor Society will include a discussion about international and interdisciplinary collaboration during a program Monday, Oct. 12 in the Billingsly Student Center.

Toni Sullivan, dean and professor at the Sinclair School of Nursing at the University of Missouri-Columbia, will be keynote speaker for the program that gets under way with registration at 5 p.m.

Southern nursing student Kody Berlin will join three other practicing nurses, Joyce Clement, Kay Lynn Collins, and Kandice Pendley, to form a panel that will lead a discussion of nursing issues.

Cost of the program is \$20 for honor society members, \$25 for non-members, and \$10 for students. Registration deadline is Oct. 7. For additional information, persons may contact the nursing department at 625-9322. □

## Career Fair hits campus; 70 colleges featured

A virtual mobile library full of higher education choices is scheduled to arrive at Missouri Southern on Wednesday, Oct. 14.

More than 70 colleges, universities, and technical schools will be represented at the first Four States Regional College/Career Fair from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Billingsly Student Center. Admission is free. School counselors from Carl Junction, Carthage, College Heights, Joplin, Lamar, Neosho, Seneca, and Webb City High Schools have planned the fair. □

## Senators dig deep for early group requests

By JEFF WELLS  
CITY NEWS EDITOR

Although Christmas is about three months away, the Student Senate was in a giving mood Wednesday. The Senate ignored a finance committee recommendation in granting \$1,000 each to two student organizations.

After seating three new members, the Senate voted to allocate \$1,000 to the International Club and the Student Nurses' Association. The finance committee recommended \$1,000 for the student nurses, but recommended only \$800 for the International Club.

Senator Vanessa Williams questioned the committee's rationale and moved that the club be granted the maximum \$1,000 allowed

under Senate rules.

"I think it is important that they got their allocation in first," she said during deliberations.

Senator Nicole Hollenberg, a member of the committee, defended the \$800 International Club recommendation citing that the club has no dues and that each person would pay around \$40 for a proposed trip to Dallas.

The \$1,000 allocation was approved with dissent.

Senators Steve Bishop and Jeff Droz attempted to advance a motion that senators be provided food at their 5:30 p.m. meetings. The motion met with approval, but was immediately squelched by parliamentarian Sandy Fisk. Fisk moved that the motion be tabled indefinitely.

The Senate did find an opportunity to allocate money to itself. After

nominating vice president Amy Graves and senator Jeff Droz for Homecoming royalty, the Senate voted to reserve \$100 for their campaign expenses.

The new members to the Senate are Nick Prewett, Tom Williams, and Patty Richardson.

Prewett earned the open senior representative spot over Eldon C. Anderson.

Anderson, a non-traditional student, and Prewett share some of the same concerns.

"As I understand it... the majority of people on the Student Senate are dormitory students and very [traditional]," Anderson said.

Anderson cited demographical concerns that the Senate reflected a disproportionate number of resident and traditional students.

"I would like to see more diversity in the Student Senate," Prewett

said. "Also in elections a lot of the people who voted were dorm students or traditional students."

Six senators were absent from proceedings: Lisa Bandy, Heather Hoyle, Kenny Brown, Janet Ferron, Brea Vancil, and Jessica Isenberger.

Several other senators were late to the meeting.

Next week the Senate will hear allocation requests from Collegiate Middle Level Association, Culturally Speaking, and the Psychology Club.

Senate President Jesse DeGonia reported the diversification committee had a successful meeting Tuesday evening at the Iron Horse Restaurant and Brew Pub. Among issues they discussed were computer problems, clock problems, and providing transportation for resident students. □

## SENATE COFFERS

## SEPT. 30 REQUEST:

## ■ INTERNATIONAL CLUB

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Missouri Southern's Student Senate

allows clubs and organizations

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NICK PARKER/The Chart



## OUR EDITORIAL

Unsigned editorials on this page express the opinions of a majority of The Chart editors. Observations elsewhere on the page represent independent viewpoints of columnists, cartoonists, and readers.

## Senate has learning to do

It hasn't taken this year's batch of student senators long to learn the elasticity of parliamentary procedures. Just about two meetings. Some of the tougher lessons might take sterner teaching.

They've mastered the finer points of avoiding meetings. Six senators failed to show up this week. Several others were late.

They've perfected the art of allocating themselves money. After parliamentarian Sandy Fisk tabled an ill-advised idea for coffers to provide meals for the senators, the student representatives did successfully vote themselves \$100 of students' activity fees to pay for Homecoming campaign expenses.

Better to get those little necessities out of the way now before the money starts to get tight and the allocation line gets longer. What they seem to have trouble grasping is that senators are representatives of the student body. As such, they are accountable for their actions to the body that elected them.

Eldon Anderson could probably teach them that lesson in a jiffy. The non-traditional student tried to get elected to fill a vacancy this week. He didn't want the post because he had friends in the Senate. Or because he thought it would be a good place to get a date. He believed that non-traditional students were not fairly represented by the body.

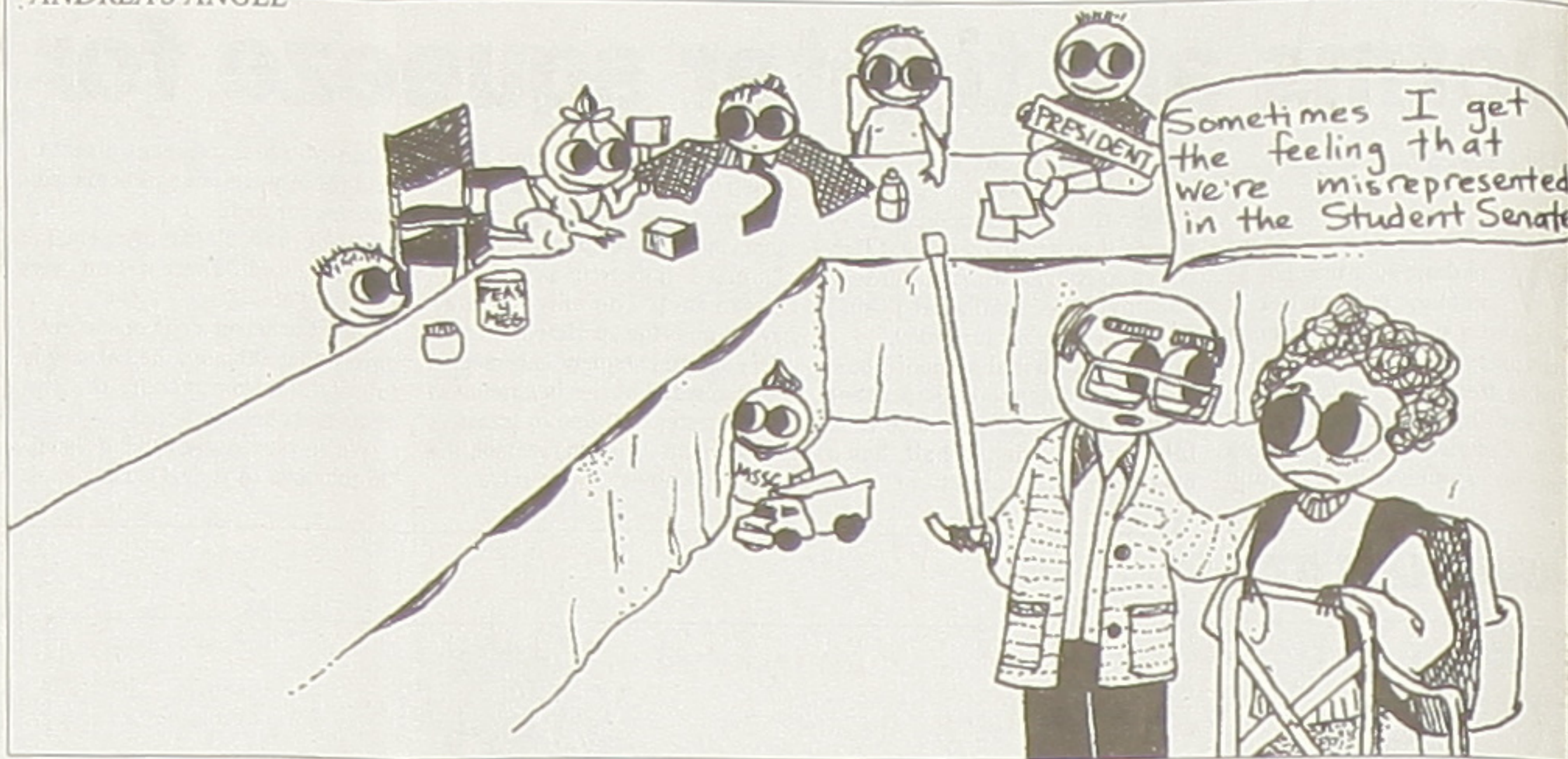
He also thought Senate elections were about representation and not a popularity contest. He didn't get the seat. It was a long shot, and he probably knew it. But he wanted to give it a try because of a perceived need.

Non-traditional students make up nearly one-third of the College population. A quick glance at the faces of the senators who do show up to meetings will tell you a third of the senators are not non-trads. How absurd of Anderson to think that representatives should represent.

How far can you stretch accountability?

It shouldn't be much longer before that answer comes flying back like an abused rubber band. □

## ANDREA'S ANGLE



## EDITOR'S COLUMN

## Father's words of wisdom save a weary soldier

Monday afternoon's 20-minute conversation with my father, Sylvester Smith Jr., helped me make up my mind that I would graduate from Missouri Southern. It had crossed my mind several times that I should transfer to Ozark Christian College and do what I came here to do—serve the Lord with my life.



Andre L. Smith

Sports Editor

After all, how could a senior quit now?

As I sat there, listening (and listening and listening), big Smitty said to little Smitty (or vice versa), "The enemy is trying to discourage you from attaining your goals."

Satan knows that I am very close to graduation.

He knows that I am a soldier of Christ who is ready to click my spiritual gun in the air and kill every demon in sight.

Not only was he absolutely right, but it was something that my heavenly father says to me when I get discouraged about my Christian walk.

Yes, I, like Miss Dumond, have a relationship with God.

The view that I have of my earthly father is very much similar to that of my heavenly father.

I believe this to be true for the majority of people in this country.

One of the main comments I hear when people are confronted about their faith is, "How do I know that God won't leave me once I have found him?"

This is usually the reaction of someone who has had a father leave home and discontinue the father/child relationship.

Big Smitty left home when I was around 7 years old.

He was always around, however.

And no matter what differences he and my

mother had, dad always made sure he taught me one thing.

"You are an intelligent black man and you can do whatever you want to do in life," he said. "And I expect you to do your best."

The Bible tells me that I can do all things through Christ Jesus who strengthens me (Philippians 4:13).

I am still afraid to let either of them down to this day.

I suppose that is where the term "putting the fear of God in someone" came from. Whether you think your father is/was one of the greatest men to walk this planet or an abusive, low-life deadbeat, know that your heavenly father seeks a relationship with you.

And you can rest assured that this father will never leave you. Despite the trials I may encounter in the next year, my dad's can be sure of one thing.

I won't give up.

I won't give out.

God supplies, and there is no doubt.

I won't give in to Satan and sin.

I'm holding on until my journey's end. □

## IN PERSPECTIVE

## Education cannot be bought at any check-out line...or on television

I could "deliver" education so much more conveniently — if knowledge were a product I carried around with me and all my student-customers were identical empty slots.



Dr. Joy Dworkin

Associate Professor,  
English

ulty have), let me clarify. You guessed it,

I would speak out information, sliding my words neatly into each receptive box, and there the package would rest, unaltered, available for retrieval when needed.

OK, for those readers who haven't had similar thoughts (and, by the way, many among the faculty have), let me clarify. You guessed it,

I'm being ironic. I'm glad my students are not robots, glad they do not simply "receive" information from me (brilliant and full-to-the-brim with valuable information though I may be).

Education is not something that can be delivered. Sorry, education is not something that can be bought. You — and, to a very significant degree, Missouri taxpayers — are paying my salary, but I can't just "stand and deliver."

As an esteemed colleague and administrator at MSSC once put it, you the student may be paying, but it's more like the money you give to your church than it is like the money you give to the cashier at Wal-Mart.

Education is not a product. And, to state the obvious, the best things in life are not products.

The best things in life are not external "things" at all; they are experiences within and between human beings. Such experiences are not limited to "spending time with my loved ones" or even "my relationship to God."

Within this realm of internal and intimate experiences is...can you believe it?...education.

Is she nuts, or what? Does she really think sitting in her class is anything like the time I spend with my boyfriend??? or my pastor???? At the risk of sounding offensively arrogant and/or hopelessly naive, yes I do.

I believe anyone serious about "education" must operate under the assumption that the goal is for everyone in the room to have an experience, a perception, an awakening, a sense of illumination or wonder or

clarity or — to be honest — confusion (sometimes).

I don't care if you "get it all down in your notes." Did something happen inside you? If all you gain after spending however many years you spend here is more information, you're missing the boat.

Notice I said "everyone in the room." First of all, I do know that's overstated. "Education" in this sense is not taking place every moment of every class period for every student.

That's the ideal. But that ideal, for me, includes a certain proximity.

You can't hear the pregnant silence in the room if you're reading my lecture on a screen.

You can't experience the same sort of engagement with a heated, enlightening dialogue between two students if you're

watching it on a TV monitor (especially if, for that matter, the monitor misses it, because it assumes that the instructor is the only relevant voice).

You can't feel how your own words impact a room full of your peers from many miles away. Do I want what's best for Missouri Southern? Of course. Am I living at the end of the 1990s? Sort of. No, seriously, I do "get it."

There are trends in education and we don't exist in a vacuum and change can be for the best and all of that. But I think it's important we remind ourselves of what education is. I am concerned about the implications of distance-learning. Many of us, including many who are more informed than I am, are also concerned.

I would be grateful for a broadening of the dialogue on this issue. □

## YOUR LETTERS

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## Editor's column touches us

As we opened last week's *Chart*, we were pleasantly surprised to read the column written by Ginny Dumond. As we read the article, we knew that she was speaking from her heart, not as an editor of a newspaper. The words she wrote touched us both because we know that what God has always wanted was a personal relationship with each and every one of us. In fact, he went so far as to sacrifice His only Son, Jesus Christ, to make that relationship possible.

So many times in today's world we get wrapped up in what makes us different. Different races, different cultures, and even different religions and denominations. Christ didn't focus on

those differences. He died for everyone. He desires for all to have a relationship with Him, not a relationship based on rules and regulations, but a relationship based on faith in Him. Through that relationship, He will bless us.

He will never leave us, and in the hard times we know we always have a Savior we can trust.

So, we just wanted to thank Miss Dumond for writing about something she really cares about and taking the challenge to stand up for Christ. We stand with you!

John Giles, senior biology major  
Brandon Wynn, senior biology major

## Simon misunderstands university title

Reading Donnie Simon's letter in *The Chart* last week, I was both bemused and confused. Surely, Mr. Simon is not suggesting that Missouri Southern State College not pursue university status.

Any business enterprise (and a college is a business enterprise) must grow to survive. Case in point, Wal-Mart versus Kmart right here in Joplin. Standing still in relationship to a forward-moving competitor gives the illusion of moving backwards and ultimately leads to demise. No, to the contrary, Missouri Southern is compelled to seek university standing if only to maintain market share, let alone increase it.

One real issue is market positioning upon entering university-hood. Can (or should) the low-cost positioning MSSC currently pro-

poses continue, or should another competitive strategy be embraced? Read Michael J. Porter's books on competition, Donnie.

The argument that university status is not relevant to an institution that plans no in-house graduate programs must be met by the response that Thomas Jefferson put forth when the first Continental Congress debated the course of independence for the colonies. Just like our once-fledgling nation, MSSC should put forth in plain language for all to read (and hear) the reasons why MSSC must pursue university standing and how it will meet the many criteria that denote university status.

This can be done by colloquies in many forums. If 88.7KXMS had the resources, it would be an ideal platform; public radio sta-

tions often provide airtime to opinion leaders to discuss such issues.

Additionally, MSSC should develop the equivalent of a university tally board. Perhaps this publication could keep a running scorecard of all the developments that move this institution toward its stated goal. I will submit my unit's international entry on the Internet as one example right now, to get the scorecard started.

University standing, for a variety of reasons, must be pursued by this institution. Perhaps a "Declaration of University" is in order to persuade those like Mr. Simon that it is the right and only course of action.

Jeff Skibbe, General manager  
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## Under The Hood



By Brin Cavan  
Automotive Editor

### Hemi V-8 is a controlled explosion

In the world of automotive history, there are some powerfully magnificent engines, but few can compare to the 1964 Chrysler Hemi V8.

The Hemi got its name from its unique hemispherical combustion engine. In the July 1996 issue of *Road & Track*, Paul Van Valkenburgh calls this particular engine one of the "Eight Great Racing Engines That Shook The Earth."

"The basic block was typical Chrysler, hell-for-strong, with deep main bearing webs and cross-bolted caps," he said. "However, the power was to come from the rather innovative hemispherical heads — which is not an easy task without overhead camshafts.

"Man seems to have a natural instinct to create and then harness vast quantities of power."

No other word typifies a Hemi better than POWER! The 500-cubic-inch V8 could reach 1,600 bhp at 7,000 rpm.

I have a basic understanding of how hemispherical combustion works. I know what the engine looks like, but to this day, I have never seen one.

I want to hear the sound of it starting up, listen to it rev, and feel the power under my feet as I take it out for a spin. I want to fulfill my "need for speed."

I've driven and owned all kinds of wild and different autos. I've been in everything from a Shelby to a Studebaker. In Longview, Texas, I even got to ride in a Lamborghini Countach.

My friend, Steve Ruder, owns one of my all-time coveted cars — an E-Type Jaguar with 12 cylinders.

When I lived in Iceland, our Fiat X1/9 was the only one of its kind on the "Rock." And as far as I know, our diesel Pontiac Trans Am has never been duplicated.

When I owned an Austin Mini, I occasionally would see an Austin Healey or other more well-known British cars, but no Minis. They are raced in some parts of the country, but I never saw a mini south of the Mason-Dixon line.

The unique, strange, and unusual have been my normal fare where cars are concerned, but I still NEED to see a Hemi!

When Van Valkenburgh described the hemispherical engine and its potential, he said, "When all-out fuel drag racers add nitro (and lower the compression to about 7:1), power can only be estimated. Something like a marginally controlled explosion in a barely reusable container."

As Toolman Tim Allen would say, "Uhh! Uhh! Uhh! Uhh! Uhh!" □

## AUTOMOTIVE FOCUS

"I've been around racing all my life. It's a great sport."

# NASCAR collector has winning hobby

By MATT MADURA  
STAFF WRITER

Some people have hobbies or collections they tinker with on weekends or whenever it's convenient.

Cary Lee of Carthage has an extensive collection of NASCAR collectibles and paraphernalia.

A serious NASCAR collector since 1993, he has always been a fan of racing and has done a little racing himself. Lee is involved with tractor and truck pulls in local area events.

"I've been around racing all my life," he said. "It's a great sport."

Lee collects almost everything associated with racing or Jeff Gordan, his favorite race car driver.

"He is almost the same age as I am," Lee said. "He is also a good Christian racer and a great role model for kids."

Lee has the obvious collectibles like Matchbox cars, posters, and pictures, but also baby rattles, flags, a 23-carat gold thumb print of Jeff Gordan, bank cars, cereal boxes, and a No. 24 golf putter. He even has a scaled replica car of Gordan's with actual paint of the real car. The paint runs about \$300 a pint.

Lee is also a fan of the Denver Broncos and hopes to see John Elway play before he retires. Lee has several Broncos collectibles — dolls, posters, and toys. He believes himself to be a responsible collector.

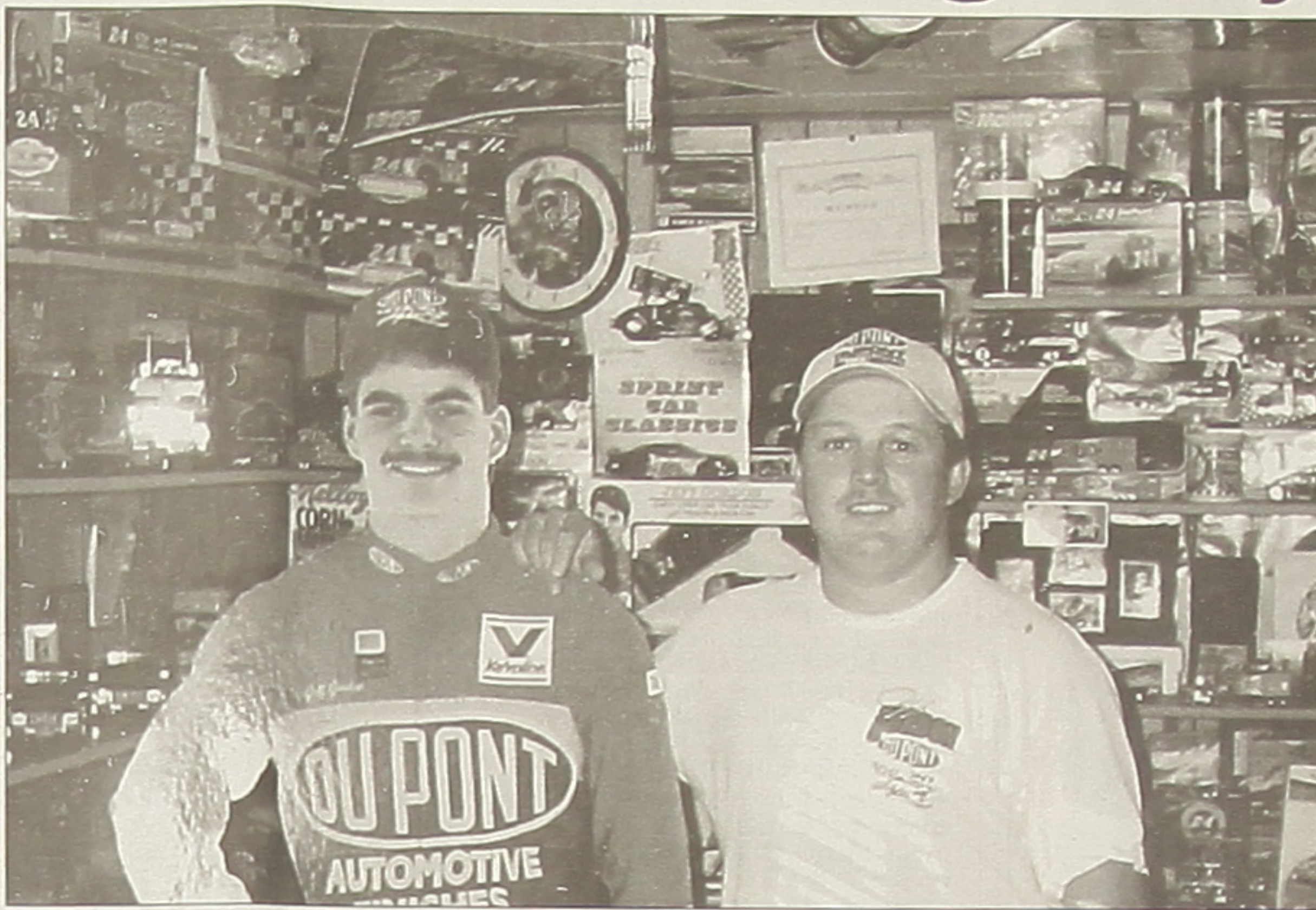
"I make sure my bills and other responsibilities are complete before I buy things for my collection," he said.

Lee gets up between 4 a.m. and 5 a.m. to go to Wal-Mart to see if anything new has come out. This is a ritual five days a week.

"Holidays and birthdays are also a good time to get new items," Lee said. "I'm pretty easy to shop for."

Lee has no children of his own, but if he did he said they would have a great toy collection.

"I really love to show kids my collection," he said. "I love to look at their faces when they



MATT MADURA/The Chart

Cary Lee of Carthage poses with a life-sized poster of NASCAR driver Jeff Gordan. Lee has an extensive collection of NASCAR replica race cars, flags, posters, banks, and even a golf putter.

walk into the room and see all the cars."

Flea markets and other small stores are places he can buy new things.

Lee is in the process of taking out insurance on his collection. He wants the extra security in case something happens to his house or it's burglarized. He estimates the retail value is well over \$10,000, which has doubled in what it is worth now.

Lee is also a four-year member of the Jeff Gordan fan club and hopes to meet him

someday. His wife, Lindsey, is also a NASCAR collector. Her favorite driver is Terry Labonte, Gordan's partner.

"I like the red and yellow colors of his car," Lindsey said. "His car is the Kellogg's car, No. 5."

Lindsey said she never knew what racing really was until they got married.

"It's kind of neat," she said. "He got me into it."

Lee and his wife have never been to a

NASCAR race but may get the chance to go the one in Charlotte, N.C.

The Maple Leaf Car Show of Carthage is something else Lee enjoys. He helps get things organized for the event. Many townspeople are involved with the show.

Lee has some advice for those who collect things or are starting collections.

"Have some patience and don't be afraid to ask questions," he said. "People always like to talk." □

## CONSUMER CORNER

# Moving violations drive insurance rates to the limit

Paying attorney fees is possible alternative to paying for fines, accumulating of

By BRIN CAVAN  
AUTOMOTIVE EDITOR

If one has lead foot disease, is accident prone, or tends to break the driving laws in other ways, get ready for soaring insurance rates.

Many students, especially single males under age 25, are already aware of the high cost of auto insurance. Even one speeding ticket can make premium amounts rise exponentially.

Art Hammons, agent for Shelter Insurance in Joplin, makes two suggestions to inexperienced drivers.

"First, don't expect the other driver to do what they are supposed to do," he said.

Second, Hammons said if passengers suggest an illegal action, tell them to get their own car.

Mary Kyte, office assistant at American Family Insurance in Carthage, explained how traffic violations add up quickly. While a

number of factors can affect insurance rates (including lower family and preferred rates), the samples she gives illustrate the expense incurred.

The first example she uses is a 20-year-old male purchasing basic liability and medical without comprehensive or collision. While the basic rate is high because it is in the "non-preferred" category, just a single speeding ticket adds \$81.20 per year and a DWI violation tacks on \$212.80 to the basic rate.

For the second one, she uses a 20-year-old male with a Ford Mustang. One speeding ticket adds \$122.40 per year. With an accident or two speeding tickets, premiums increase an additional \$325.20 annually. Receiving a DWI violation adds a "whopping" \$874.40 each year to the insurance bill.

One factor can dramatically reduce insurance costs. Any student ages 16 to 23 can receive a good student discount, if it applies.

According to American Family, to qualify, a student must:

- Rank among the upper 20 percent of his or her class scholastically, or
- Maintain a "B" average or better, or

- Maintain an average of three points or better on a four point grading scale, or
- Qualify for dean's list, honor roll, or similar indicator of scholastic achievement.

If a student presently has no violations, the discount can result in dramatic savings. In one sample, it saved as much as 24.3 percent.

Every driver also needs to understand how points are given for various infractions and the fact they are cumulative.

"You start out with zero points," said Christina Gibson, senior court clerk at Joplin Municipal Court. "When you reach 12 points, your license is suspended — although there are some exceptions to this rule."

Receiving point violations does affect insurance coverage. An individual can receive as little as one point for a municipal stop sign violation (with no accident involved).

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- Qualify for "dean's list," "honor roll," or similar indicator of scholastic achievement.

Two to three points are assigned for speeding, careless and imprudent driving, and other stop sign or stop signal infractions.

With some situations, the full 12 points can be allocated at one time causing license suspension. These include leaving the scene of an accident, obtaining a license by misrepresentation, and any second offense related to Driving While Intoxicated (DWI).

Glenda Thompson, Joplin Municipal Court clerk, said if an individual gets a moving violation offense or DWI, an attorney can then enter an appearance (in writing or orally before a judge) for the

driver. A plea agreement then can be worked out with the prosecuting attorney's office, possibly amending some offenses to lesser violations.

This can remove the points from a record or reduce them in certain situations.

"With a DWI, you can still have an administrative suspension, because it is a more serious offense," Thompson said.

Going through the legal process is time consuming and includes the cost of hiring an attorney.

"It may cost extra, but it is worth it if you've had several tickets," Thompson said. □

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**Today**

**2**

**4:30 p.m.—**

Homecoming Royalty Nomination Deadline, BSC Room 102

**Saturday**

**3**

**7 p.m.—**

Football vs. Missouri Western, Hughes Stadium

**Monday**

**5**

Deadline for groups to sign up for Fall Freakout booths

**Tuesday**

**6**

Career Development Day Networking Reception  
**1 p.m.—**  
Pi Omega Pi, business education honors society, Matthews Hall Room 204

**Wednesday**

**7**

Career Development Day

### CAREER SERVICES

# Annual event illuminates professions

## Career Development Day focuses on job ambitions

By CASSIE HOMBS  
STAFF WRITER

There comes a time in every student's career when they have to sit back and think about why they're in college and what they plan to do with their future.

Thanks to Missouri Southern, this task is becoming easier every year.

Career Development Day, a day on which numerous businesses and universities visit the campus and talk personally to Southern

students, will be held from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Wednesday on the third floor of the Billingsly Student Center.

"Career Development Day is a day set aside for students to learn more about their future careers," said Jennifer Yazell, director of career services. "It gives them a chance to meet with possible employers and to learn more about their field."

In the past, Career Development Day was offered to students as a chance to find a job. In fact, the day-long job hunt was called "Career Fair." However, the College realized educating students on what it considered to be a good career was more important than throwing them into a job they knew little about.

"Many businesses are interested in meeting with our students," Yazell said. "They come to establish relationships, look at our students for internships, or possibly to employ them in the future. And, we expect them to share knowledge with our students about their fields."

Some students worry that Career Development Day is predominantly for juniors and seniors who are close to graduation and could be employed more immediately. Yazell assures students this is not true.

"Career Development Day is for everyone," she said. "Freshmen and sophomores need to be thinking about how their majors will apply to their career way before they get to be juniors and seniors. We strongly encour-

age everyone to attend, no matter what year they are in college."

In addition to visiting booths, students can attend 45-minute break-out sessions at 9 a.m., 10 a.m., and 11 a.m. These sessions are led by people who work in the students' field of interest.

Along with providing students with a free day of education about their fields, Career Development Day also gives them a chance to meet people and make themselves known.

"It's a good opportunity for students to get their names out," said Josh Long, junior secondary education major. "They actually get a chance to see and to talk to someone in that field." □

### INTRAMURALS

## Program adding new activities to athletic round-up

By SCOTT MEEKER  
STAFF WRITER

The Missouri Southern 1998-99 intramural season is already off and running, and students are likely to find a few new twists and turns along the path.

There are several new additions to the regular offerings of flag football, golf, tennis, volleyball, basketball, and softball. New this fall is a soccer league, and water polo is scheduled to debut in the spring. Cindy Wolfe, aquatics and intramural director, said there is also good news for students who can't seem to get enough football.

"Flag football is such a big, big sport here that we're going to add a one- or two-day tournament in the spring," she said.

The golf league will enjoy a change of scenery this year, Wolfe said.

"I've talked to the managers of the courses and they're letting them come out and play," she said. "They've played Schifferdecker, and now they'll have the opportunity to play Briarbrook, Loma Linda South, and Range Line."

Men's, women's, and coed leagues are available for most sports. There is a refundable, no-forfeit fee of \$10 for team sports and \$5 for individual sports.

"If at the end of the season they haven't forfeited any games, they will get their money back," Wolfe said.

While the majority of teams are formed by friends getting together and signing up as a team, Wolfe said individuals are more than welcome to sign up.

"We can either place them on a team or form a team out of individuals that have signed up," she said. "Our biggest goal is to get students to meet other people who like the sport so that they have somebody to play tennis, racquetball, or golf with."

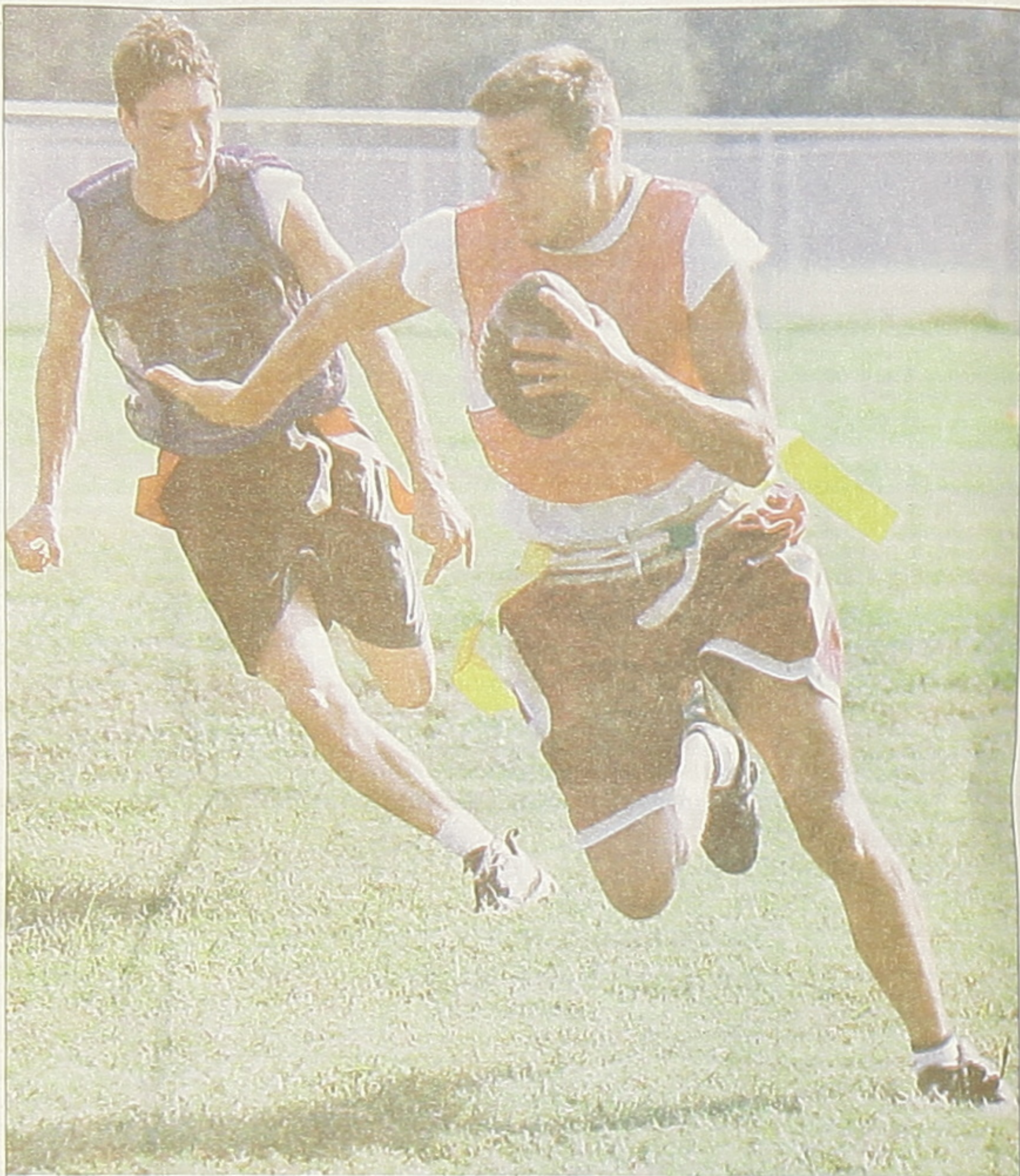
Darris Lassiter, senior secondary education major, agrees intramural sports are a great way to meet new people. He has been playing intramural football for the past four years.

"I've always loved sports and thought it would be fun to get involved with," Lassiter said. "Over the years, I've made a lot of friends from the other teams."

Wolfe encourages students to talk to her if there is a sport they would like to see added.

"That's how the soccer league got started this year," she said. "We try and add things that the students want."

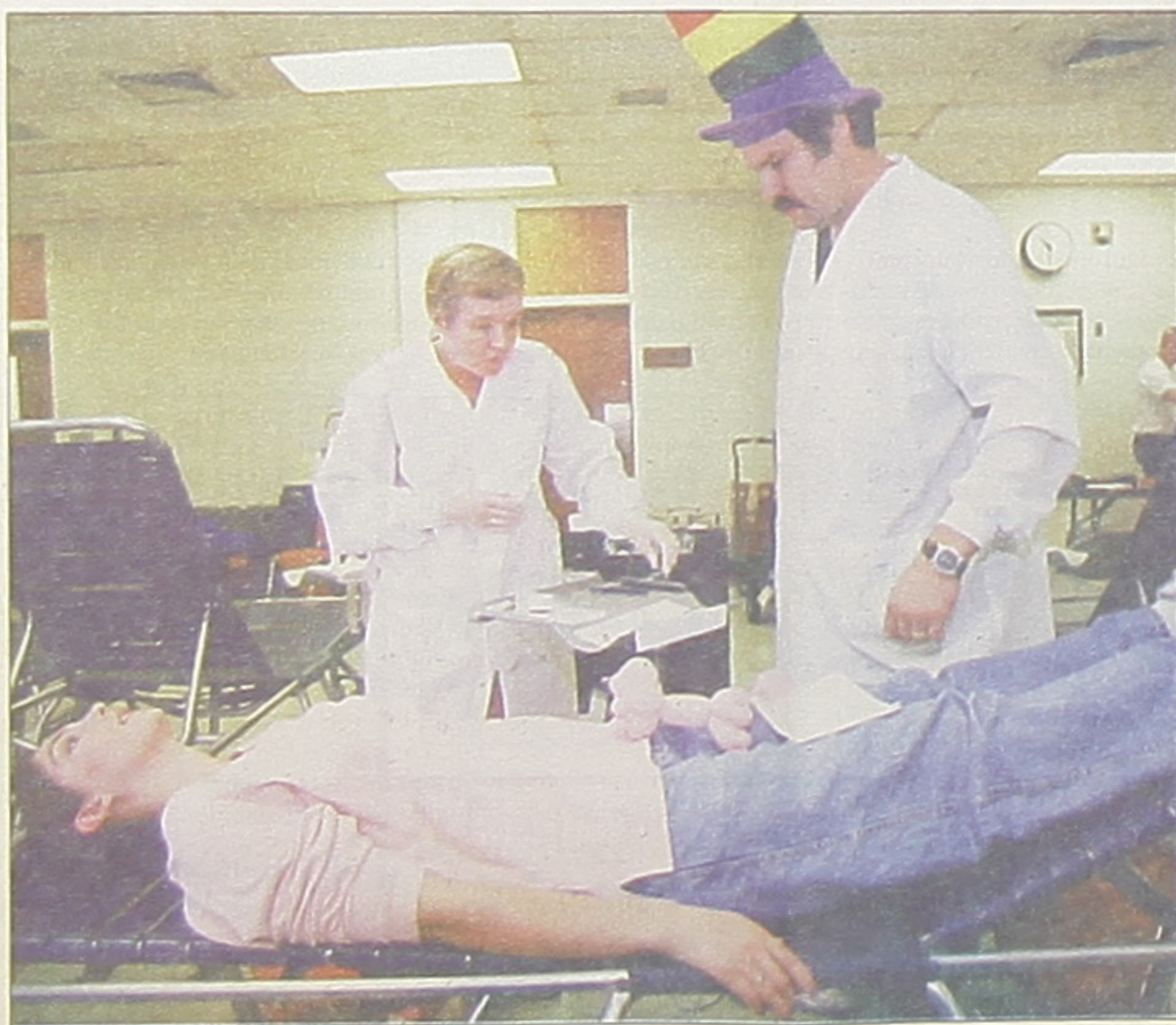
Students may sign up for all activities in the racquetball office or call 625-9390 for more information. □



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Bronson Duda, junior general business major, runs with the ball while Dave Mackney, sophomore criminal justice major, hustles to bring the play to a halt during Monday's intramural flag football game.

### YOU MIGHT FEEL A LITTLE



NOPPADOL PAOTHONG/The Chart

Cindy McCarthy, freshman English major, gives blood at the Red Cross blood drive on Monday. Nurses Kerry Brogdon and Roseanna McGuire see to her care at her first blood donating experience.

### BIOLOGY DEPARTMENT

## Club stresses careers

By JEFF BILLINGTON  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Tailored specifically to the future doctors, physical therapists, veterinarians, optometrists, and pharmacists is the Pre-Professional Biology Club.

This year the club started with a gathering to help initiate new members.

"We routinely have at every beginning fall semester a cookout to encourage all new people on campus that are interested in biology to come and meet the faculty," said Dr. Gerald Schlink, associate professor of biology.

Dr. Vickie Roettger, assistant professor of biology, said this year's cookout meeting was a success.

"We had a great turnout at our first meeting," she said. "We got together for a barbecue. We all introduce ourselves, find out what everyone's interested in doing."

Schlink and Roettger agreed this year's members are made up of a combination of returning students, transfer students, and incoming freshmen. He said the club will be doing several different activities this year.

"We've got a couple of book sales planned," Schlink said. "They look for donations of books and then

sell them to students."

"We have several guest speakers planned including doctors from the local area who will be doing presentations."

Schlink said the group has yet to decide on another activity it has participated in in the past.

"We've participated in the Hammons [Program] the last several years and we wanted to see if they wanted to keep that up or not," he said. "To go out and interact with kids, they get to reinforce and apply the skills they learned in course work to the lower levels."

Roettger said there are a few areas where she would also like to see members focus on this year.

"I'd like to see them a little bit more involved with things like going out to grade schools," she said. "But of course with how their schedules are and how they work, it isn't always easy for them to do this."

Schlink said he would like to see members taking more trips and other off-campus activities.

"They should go to professional meetings," he said. "They should go to AMA (American Medical Association) meetings or something like that so they know what is involved so they can study harder and get prepared." □





NOFPADOL PAOTHONG/The Chart  
Rod Piazza and the Mighty Flyers performed West Coast swing music Tuesday evening at the Kitchen Pass. The Mighty Flyers are part of a growing trend in contemporary swing music.

## Jazz swinging back to Joplin

By SUSIE FRISBIE  
ARTS EDITOR

Jazz crooner Duke Ellington may be best known for his 1932 enduring classic "It don't mean a thing if you ain't got that swing," but what exactly does it mean to have that swing?

To some, "swing" is just an element of jazz; to others, it refers to a feeling a song generates, and to others it is simply just a style of dance. To say any of these answers are wrong would be an injustice to the definer.

It is doubtful swing greats including Ellington, Chick Webb, and Sy Oliver ever thought their names would be listed as the forerunners to such groups as Big Bad Voodoo Daddy and Cherry Poppin' Daddies. These groups and numerous others like them have brought a modern edge to a style that was considered retro even in the 70s.

"I think it's popularity has to do with the whole energy the swing genre creates," said Danny Craven, third keyholder at Sam Goody in the Northpark Mall. "People want to have fun again."

Swing's sudden resurgence has brought out a new target audience. "It's mostly 13-year-olds to those in their 20s looking for something fun who are coming in and buying the CDs," Craven said.

The Brian Setzer Orchestra, who performs The Gap's campaign theme "Jump, Jive, an' Wail," is currently seventh on Sam Goody/Musicland's best-selling albums in the nation list.

Several compilation albums featuring several different artists are also hot sellers. A variety of instructional videos also teach swingsters how to do anything from the jitterbug to the L.A. hustle.

"My experience in the clubs, doing live remotes, is that though people seem to enjoy the music, they don't know how to do the dance," said Jennifer Scott of KSYN 92.5.

"That may be just in this area, though, because in Kansas City there are clubs that devote entire nights to swing."

Main Street Joplin is even getting into the swing of things by sponsoring an event celebrating the era. During next week's "Dining on Memories" celebration, those in attendance will be able to take part in instructional swing dance courses and enjoy live music.

Joplinites have also received the chance to see firsthand what this phenomenon is all about. On Tuesday Night, Rod Piazza and the Mighty Flyers performed their blend of West Coast swing and jump blues at the Kitchen Pass at 12th and Main.

Piazza's three decades playing this style of music and him winning a slew of awards along the way make him an ideal candidate to introduce it to Joplin.

Though it's unlikely Joplin will ever come close to having a request for swing of Savoy-like proportions, The Brian Setzer Orchestra has kept Southwestern Bell busy.

"It pulls in really good phones, which means it gets a lot of requests," said Bob Patrick, also of KSYN.

Though it's popularity is high now, time will tell if swing will stay or go out with the Spice Girls. □

## Bestseller continues man vs. nature theme

By RHONDA CLARK  
ASSISTANT EDITOR

In his latest effort since *The Horse Whisperer*, Nicholas Evans weaves an epic tale pitting family and neighbors against each other in *The Loop*.

Here the reader relives the struggle of man against nature.

Set in the pseudo-wilderness of Montana, ranchers battle an ancient foe when a renegade wolf pack intrudes the valley.

This throws the Calder family, led by Buck Calder, patriarch and philanderer, into the war against the elements.

His strong, overbearing personality clashes with the federal agents dispatched to investigate suspected wolf attacks as Buck rallies the fictional community of Hope to annihilate the resurgence of the wolf population.

Evans' latest effort is the classic, often-told tale of good versus evil — the rancher eking an existence from family land against the interfering federal government, and the endangered wolf striving for survival in a world taken from them

### USA Today's Top 10

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2. *The Starr Report*...Phil Kuntz
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6. *Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood*...Rebecca Wells
7. *One True Thing*...Anna Quindlen
8. *Cold Mountain*...Charles Frazier
9. *Rainbow Six*...Tom Clancy
10. *The 9 Steps to Financial Freedom*...Suze Orman
20. *The Loop*...Nicholas Evans

As in *The Horse Whisperer*, Evans once again parallels the private struggles of human relationships with the unknown struggles and feelings of the animal kingdom.

He effectively introduces his characters and entwines their life experiences.

Evans' vivid portrayals of such scenes as beast against beast during the wolf attack upon an aging moose, the conflicting emotions of the book's characters, and his obvious love of the wilds of Montana are what make this story work.

The plot stalls with Evans' short detour focusing on Helen's relationship with her father.

And, although a cliché plot, *The Loop* provides enjoyable entertainment for even the skeptic naturalist.

While some readers may see this as only another romance novel, it has more than enough plot twists and intricacies to hold the reader's interest, and Evans' flowing style keeps the pages turning.

His simplistic manner paints the Montana landscape and its people into visual Technicolor and provides insight into the fragile existence of the environment. □

### ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



Sean Fitzgibbon, a 1998 Missouri Southern graduate, is considering a move to either the west or east coast.  
NOFPADOL PAOTHONG  
The Chart

## Career sends Southern Alumnus coastal bound

### Work ethic, likability characteristic of artist

By JANA BLANKENSHIP  
STAFF WRITER

Life beyond the Missouri Southern campus is but a mystery to many who roam these hallowed halls.

After putting in so many years of hard work, the idea life must go on after graduation doesn't even exist to some. But to Sean Fitzgibbon, a 1998 Southern graduate, life is just beginning.

Fitzgibbon spent a month in California after receiving his bachelor's of art degree to attend an art convention. Since then, he is considering a possible relocation to either the East or West Coast where he believes most of the work in art comes from.

"I would rather be closer to where I'm more marketable," Fitzgibbon said.

The San Diego convention is where he was able to make contact with persons from Continuity Studio in Burbank, Calif.

"I was able to meet Neal Adams," Fitzgibbon said. "He's a well-respected person in comics, in advertising, and in the film industry. He gave me his card."

Also, he met Paul Powers, an art director who worked on *Lethal Weapon IV*, and Dawn Rivera-Ernster, manager of creative resources at Universal Studios.

Rivera-Ernster also gave her card to Fitzgibbon who, in return, called her and set up an interview at Universal Studios.

"She liked my work, and I was like, cool," he said.

Fitzgibbon was given a tour and Rivera-Ernster was interested in his working with conceptual designs for a Universal theme park in Japan. She wanted to see his work on rides and buildings.

Jim Bray, head of the art department at Southern, had Fitzgibbon in his Typography and Lettering class.

"He's just very likable," Bray said. "He takes criticism well and has a real strong work ethic."

Bray could see the passion Fitzgibbon had for art and thought it was his job to broaden his horizons.

"I caught myself saying many times 'That's good, Sean, but you've got to broaden yourself,'" he said.

Fitzgibbon said he has always been influenced by art because of his father, an art instructor at Webb City High School.

"He's never given me lessons, but it's just the fact that I've always been around it," Fitzgibbon said.

He was one of his father's students while in high school, where he found out about the Joe Kubert School of Cartooning and Graphic Arts while flipping through a magazine.

Before attending Southern, Fitzgibbon spent two years in New York attending the school.

It is a three-year school that offers no degree and accepts only 110 students per year.

"I just hope I was tough enough on him," Bray said.

"I got to where I liked him a lot. He was a fun guy." □

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# Arts Showcases

## Arts Calendar

If your organization has an event you would like publicized, call Susie Frisbie at 625-9311.



■ **International Film Festival:** *IVitelloni* will be featured in Matthews Hall Auditorium on Tuesday, October 13 at 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$1.50.

### Thursday

8

7:30 p.m.—

Renowned art lecturer Rosamond Bernier will showcase her knowledge in Webster Hall Auditorium. Admission will be \$10 for general seating and \$25 for preferred seating and backstage reception.

### Fri., Sat. 9-10

The Missouri Southern Suzuki Violin Academy is hosting a Suzuki String Workshop to be held in Webster Hall Auditorium.

### Wednesday

14

7:30 p.m.—

Southern Theater will be presenting *The Mousetrap* in Taylor Performing Arts Center. Admission is \$3, and \$1 for Sr. Cit./H.S. students.



Rhonda Clark  
Assistant editor

## In Review

decades before.

Instead of the hero wearing a white cowboy hat, Evans' crusader sports hiking boots and a backpack.

Helen Ross, a 29-year-old East Coast biologist, becomes entangled in the complicated lives of Hope's residents while attempting to determine if and why the endangered species has resorted to hunting outside the wild. She rediscovers herself and finds an ally in the shy, insecure, stuttering 18-year-old Luke Calder, son of her greatest nemesis, Buck.

This unlikely duo unwittingly aids an elderly wolfer.

The man is hired to illegally destroy the pack thus leaving the wolves open to the use of an inhumane snare otherwise called the loop.



# Official exchange rate debuts January '99

By MICHAEL RASKA  
EUROPEAN CORRESPONDENT

Nick Wood, a member of the European Affairs Commission, answers the following questions about Europe's new currency, which will debut on Jan. 1, 1999.

**Q: The Euro — you may well know what it is, but how much Europe's single currency will be worth and when that will be decided is another matter.**

**A:** In broad terms, the Euro will be worth a bit more than the dollar. The rate is of course no accident, but a strategic choice made a long time ago to ensure the currency will compete with the mighty green back on international financial markets.

At the beginning of May 1998, a big step was taken with the final selection of the countries to participate in the Euro's launch. European leaders replaced their

fluctuating exchange rates with fixed rates, thus avoiding speculation before the Euro's birth.

What we don't yet know is the exact exchange rate between the Euro and these national currencies. The only certainty is that it will contain six figures and can't be altered. Only next Jan. 1 will the Euro be given an official exchange rate and make its debut on currency markets. You will have to wait until 2002 for the actual coins and notes to be issued.

However, the fixed valuation of the Euro on Jan. 1 will have direct consequences for ordinary people. Each national currency will continue in circulation but they will no longer be tradeable against each other. In effect, the old national currencies will become what in technical jargon is known as "a non decimal subdivi-



Michael Raska, a senior communications major, is spending the year as an International Student Exchange Program student at the Universität Trier in Germany. Next week, he takes a look at how the Euro will affect education.

Foreign tourists whether British, American, or Japanese will have to exchange their pounds, dollars or yen into Euros before obtaining the corresponding national currency — perhaps it'll bring them luck.

**Q: It's often said that Europe's health-care systems are themselves financially sick. Will the Euro offer a cure?**

**A:** To join Europe's single currency, countries have had to keep a close eye on their public spending. The

sion" of the Euro.

For example, the Mark, the Franc, the Peseta, and the Lira will no longer be mutually convertible.

It will thus only be possible to convert one currency through the Euro.

result has been tight budgetary restrictions notably in health expenditure. But with the arrival of the Euro, the pressure on participating countries is not about to let up.

Finance ministers will have increasing say in health policy. The Euro will add additional pressure on health-care systems in the European Union. They're already struggling with an aging population and technical advances in medicine. Both factors are increasing demand for medical care.

In Europe, health spending accounts for an average of 22 percent of the states' budgets. It's the greatest public expenditure after social security.

In recent years, Italy and Belgium were the countries that have made the greatest efforts to control their health budgets.

But the two already have the largest public deficits in the Union and even other countries still have a long way to go. □

## Ansbach Adventures



Cale Ritter, a senior communications major, is spending the semester at Fachhochschule Ansbach in Germany. Every week, he provides an update of his experiences.

## Location of Ansbach's university has historical past

By CALE RITTER  
EUROPEAN CORRESPONDENT

Ansbach's University of Applied Sciences hasn't always been just that.

I knew when I came here that it was a former U.S. military base, but I didn't know the extent of its history. The location of this university has been used for military purposes for nearly 275 years.

Originally, this location was known

as the Hindenburg barracks. The Margrave Wilhelm Friedrich of Brandenburg-Ansbach began building barracks for his foot soldiers in the early part of the 18th century. After his death on Jan. 7, 1723, his wife continued the construction because their son Carl was still too young to rule.

The barracks were finished in 1724. In 1879, new barracks for the privates were built.

Twenty years after the last expansion, everything was demolished to

build modern barracks. Many of these buildings still stand today.

Hitler rose to power in 1933. Under his command in 1935, the barracks served as the home of the 1st Artillery Regiment 53. The barracks continued to hold troops until the end of the war.

Immediately following the war, the Hindenburg barracks was the holding place for international refugees and displaced persons controlled by a United Nations Refugee Relief Agency. Mostly Russians, it was a

safety for 14 nations including Poland, Greece, Turkey, France, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Russia, Ukraine, and other republics that made up the former Soviet Union.

This University of Applied Sciences is one of the newest creations of Bavarian politics. In November 1991, the Bavarian government decided to use the military barracks for the university. The university opened for study in the winter semester of 1996-97 with 83 students. Each winter

semester begins on Oct. 1, and the summer semester begins March 15.

Some of the buildings are completely finished with renovation, but many are still in the process of reconstruction or remodeling. Plans to build new on-campus housing is planned for the near future as well. Enrollment for this semester will be 420. Current programs of study are business administration, business engineering, technical communication, and information in multi-media. □

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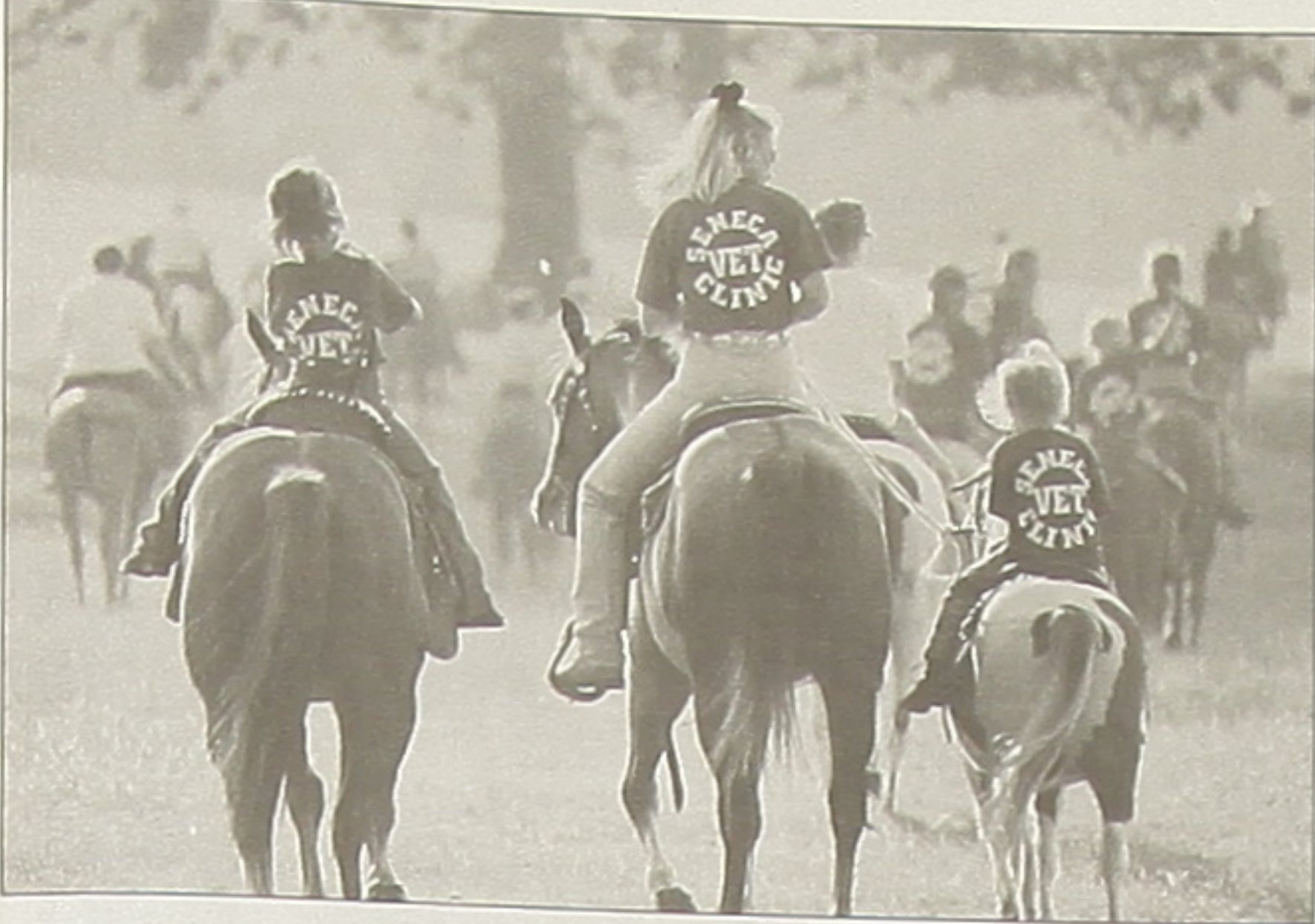
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ROUND 'EM UP N' MOVE 'EM OUT



Cattle and horses roam Joplin's Landerth Park before last Saturday's cattle drive through Joplin. The annual event benefits the Ozark Center's Turnaround Ranch, a not-for-profit organization that provides a home for more than 50 boys and girls, ages 12 to 18, from across Missouri. The ranch helps emotionally troubled teens build self esteem through interaction with the cattle, horses, and other animals at the ranch.

NOPPADOL PAOTHOONG  
The Chart

JOPLIN SPORTS AUTHORITY

Organization promotes sports for economic gain

Events draw visitors, income to Joplin area

By ERIN SELLERS  
STAFF WRITER

Four years after being established, the Joplin Sports Authority hopes to bring \$3 million into the local economy this year.

The J.S.A. brought in \$2.2 million last year.

Mike Greninger, director of the sport authority, said the organization's mission is "to attract local, state and national sporting events and to provide an economic impact on the Joplin community."

The sponsored events range from youth to adult to senior adult.

Jim Frazier, men's athletic director at Missouri Southern and president of the Joplin Sports Authority, said the sales tax generated from the sports authority benefits the economy structure of the community.

"It also gives our kids an opportunity to want to participate in some of the

events we host," Greninger said.

Many of the events the sports authority brings to Joplin use Southern's facilities.

"[Southern] really receives us with open arms," Greninger said.

Events that the sports authority has brought to Southern include a 1995 AAU cross country event. In the latter part of October the College will play host to the Missouri Christian Athletic Association's state volleyball and soccer tournaments.

In the year 2000 Southern will again play host to the AAU national cross country meet. A projected 1,800 to 2,000 runners, ages 8 to 18, are expected to participate.

Tom Rutledge, head men's cross country and track and field coach at Southern, has been at Southern for more than ten years and is helping coordinate the event.

"Tom's made a name for himself at the

national level," Greninger said.

"If he's involved, people know it's first class."

Head baseball coach Warren Turner is possibly looking to bring the U.S. Olympic baseball team to the College. Turner said it is too early in the planning stages of the event to know if the team will actually be able to play at Southern.

"It all depends on the team's schedule," Turner said. "So right now nothing is definite."

Another factor determining the team's coming to the College depends on whether professionals are allowed to play on the team, Greninger said.

The sports authority helps in Southern's recruiting process.

"It's an opportunity for us to display our campus to students who wouldn't visit otherwise," Frazier said.

"I know of seven students currently enrolled as a result of [their participation in a sports authority-sponsored event]."

Not just students come to the College as a result of a sports authority event.

According to Greninger, Greg

Gregory, Southern's head football coach, first visited the College when his son participated in the 1995 AAU cross country event.

Greninger said Gregory's wife thought highly of the Joplin community and urged Gregory to take the coaching position.

As the sports authority embarks on its fourth year in Joplin, Greninger seems confident the organization has the ability to bring in the \$3 million anticipated by the Chamber of Commerce. □

*"It's an opportunity for us to display our campus to students who wouldn't visit otherwise."*

Jim Frazier  
Men's athletic director

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Kiwanis Club distributes peanuts for fund-raiser

The Kiwanis Club of Joplin will hold its annual Peanut Days Give Away today and Saturday. The club will accept donations for peanuts distributed throughout the area. The funds raised from this year's effort will help support KIDS' Day, a Halloween program at Northpark Mall, and local children with medical needs regardless of illness or injury through Children's Miracle Network.

Peanut Days will take place today from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. on both days. Kiwanis members will be at the intersections of Seventh and Main, 20th and Main, and Seventh and Illinois. Joplin Key Club members as well as Missouri Southern baseball players will be volunteering their time at Wal-Mart stores and Dillons. □

Eagle-Picher Technologies wins government contract

Eagle-Picher Technologies of Joplin has been awarded a contract to design, develop, fabricate, and test a high energy density lithium-ion rechargeable battery. The product will be used on multiple aircraft and spacecraft, including the new space station.

The first-phase of the contract is for \$309,294. The total project cost is estimated at more than \$10 million. The new battery will be done at Eagle-Picher's facilities in Joplin. □

Real Estate commission schedules workshops

The Missouri Real Estate Commission has approved Missouri Housing Development Commission first-time home buyer program training for continuing education credit. Realtors attending these free classes will receive three hours of continuing education credit.

The class is scheduled for 9 a.m. on Monday, Oct. 19 at the Holiday Inn/University Plaza, 333 J.Q. Hammons Parkway in Springfield. The course offers Realtors the fundamentals of the MHDC's Mortgage Revenue Bond Program. These classes will include information on maximum income calculation, target areas, maximum sales price limitations, and other information necessary to help people buy a home. All of these programs offer assistance to first-time home buyers.

Realtors interested in attending should reserve seating by obtaining a registration form from MHDC by calling (816)795-6800. The form must be filled out and faxed back to MHDC at (816)759-6803 to ensure a reservation.

MHDC will also offer its MRB Lenders' Training at the same time and location. Lenders not currently participating in the Mortgage Revenue Bond program are invited to attend this training.

Those lenders presently participating may wish to send new employees, or those employees who have not previously attended training. Reservations should also be submitted. □

St. John's offers CPR, PBLs classes to public

Recognizing a need for CPR training the four-state area, St. John's Regional Medical Center is offering a cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) training program for the public.

Pediatric basic life support (PBLs) will be offered from 6 to 10 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 22 in the ninth-floor classroom.

After completing PBLs class, participants should be able to list several ways to "childproof" the home to prevent childhood injury; explain how to activate the EMS system; demonstrate the following skills on an infant and/or child mannequin: recovery position; rescue breathing; infant and child CPR; and foreign-body airway obstruction management for infants and children.

Those who complete the classes will receive a participation card. There are no written exams.

Registration is \$15. Early registration is encouraged.

For more information, persons may call St. John's educational services at (417)625-2271. □

FOLLOW MY LEAD



Lester Lay, of Empire District Electric Company surveys work being done outside of Fred G. Hughes Stadium last week. A new electrical connection to the stadium is being installed because of a power failure Sept. 17 at a Missouri Southern football game.

JEFF WELLS/The Chart

MAIN STREET JOPLIN

Parking fee aids charities

By ELIZABETH SCHURMAN  
STAFF WRITER

Main Street Joplin has begun a new tradition once a month for local charities.

Plug a Meter for Charity is a program that gives revenue from parking meters one Friday a month to different local charities.

Brain Marlow, executive director of Main Street Joplin, said the program has only been in action for a few months but many have already benefited.

"We have donated to Joplin NALA, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, and American Cancer Society's Relay for Life," Marlow said.

"This month, Turn Around Ranch will be receiving the funds, and next month will be the United Way."

The process is simple to become a charity involved in Plug a Meter for Charity.

"The charities may write a letter of request to Main Street Joplin, and if they

are qualified, then they can receive our funds," Marlow said.

Plug a Meter for Charity has been in action for only a few months, but some benefiting organizations think it is a sign of community support.

"I think it is a great program and a way for the downtown community to show support and concern for the welfare of charitable agencies," said Joy Byer, a developmental specialist for Turn Around Ranch.

Missouri Southern student Shanna McAfee, a sophomore undeclared major, believes there should be more programs like Plug a Meter.

"I helped with the Relay for Life and I know that each penny counts to the people in need of them," McAfee said.

"It is really great to know that people are paying attention to those people in need."

Main Street Joplin is an organization charged with the revitalization of the downtown, recruitment, and promotions.

The group also deals with parking management, tickets, and permits. □



**BOYLAN: Wilma Mankiller to speak**

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"I think she certainly has a different perspective on social concerns," he said. "She's another voice at the table we need to hear."

Simpson believes the first-person perspective Mankiller can give on Native American affairs is important.

"She's a particularly articulate spokesman for Native Americans and for human rights in general," he said. "She really is an outstanding individual."

Mankiller became the first woman principal chief in 1987, but has worked throughout her life as a Native American rights activist. She has worked for the reduction of Cherokee infant mortality, to improve health and educational systems, and to promote Cherokee business interests.

Dr. Richard Miller, head of the social science department, said the primary purpose of the Helen S. Boylan Symposium is to educate the public on the role of women in society.

"We're trying to recognize the impact of women on society, so our speakers are always women, women of note," Miller said.

"I'm really excited about having Ms. Mankiller here. The impact she made on the position economically

and socially in the Cherokee Nation is just phenomenal, and that we can bring her here I think is just a real feather for us."

Simpson believes Mankiller will be able to share an insightful view of women in power.

"She brings to the table her concerns about how women are perceived in these roles, what it's like to be in a position of leadership as a woman," he said. "That's the whole purpose of doing the Boylan Symposium anyway, something we've been doing for nine years now, is try to present role models for our women particularly. But I think these people go beyond being just women leaders, they're just leaders."

Simpson believes it is important for Southern students to hear Mankiller for a variety of reasons.

"Our intent here is not to bring our students in to have them necessarily agree but to be challenged by her," he said. "It's all part of the college experience."

Simpson hopes Mankiller will help people understand Native American issues.

"I'm not sure that most Americans have an insight into the lives of Native Americans, and I think Ms. Mankiller will do a terrific job of giving us some insight into that," he said. □

**SCOPING THE SCULPTURES**

Kibeom-Kim, senior English major, takes a gander at a portion of Dr. and Mrs. Finley's African art collection. The Finley's presented a portion of their collection to Missouri Southern on Sept. 29 in the Spiva Art Gallery.

NOPPADOL PAOTHONG/The Chart

**RETENTION: Drop due to high employment rates**

From Page 1A

tition for employers trying to fill job openings.

It also means more incentives for pursuing full-time employment rather than educational opportunities, according to Tracey Osborne, Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce vice president.

"In a period of high unemployment, that would force

you to look at your skills and consider going to college. In a time where there is a need for employees, the opposite is true," she said.

"Recently, we are hearing from the business community that it is becoming a challenge to fill job openings."

The decline is not altogether discouraging because of an increasing freshmen enrollment, Honey said.

But freshmen enrollment

over the last two years may also be masking the retention decline. The decline is masked by bolstering enrollment figures.

Southern freshmen enrollment for the fall 1998 semester is up 13.4 percent.

Total enrollment is up only 1.1 percent.

The College's total enrollment for fall 1997 was up 4.3 percent, with a similar freshmen enrollment total. □

**AMBASSADORS: High school seniors get tours**

From Page 3A

them answer them by giving a first-hand account."

The tours consist of a general overview of the campus. Each school receives equal time. Campus services available to the students are also pointed out.

"So far the tours are working out great," Adamson said. "Each ambassador will have a name badge and green polo shirt to wear in order to identify them. The biggest factor in getting people to come to campus is having an enthusiastic student show them around."

In order to accommodate large groups, two to three ambassadors are scheduled each day.

This allows a more individualized tour, and since Southern emphasizes personalization, visitors can feel

more attended to.

"I'm a senior and I've had such a great experience; this is my way of giving back to Missouri Southern," said Hoyle, a senior biology major. "Since I know so much about the College, I want to encourage others to come."

The ambassadors are unpaid volunteers. They donate one hour a week as a means of thanking the College.

"It's one hour a week," Hoyle said. "It's not like it's time consuming. It's a great opportunity to get involved and show off the school, meet new people, keep involved, and encourage others to be a part." □

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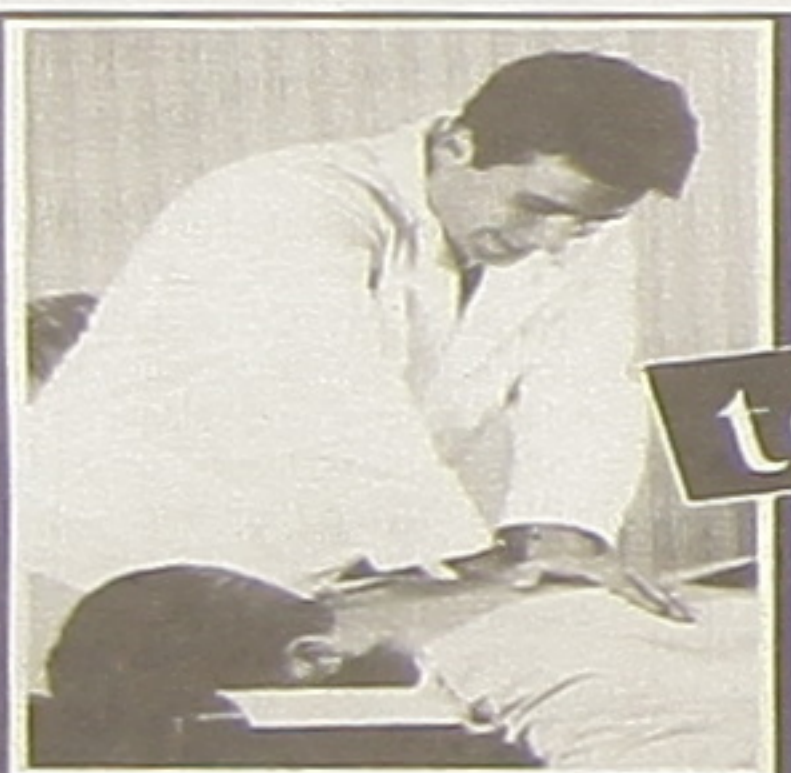
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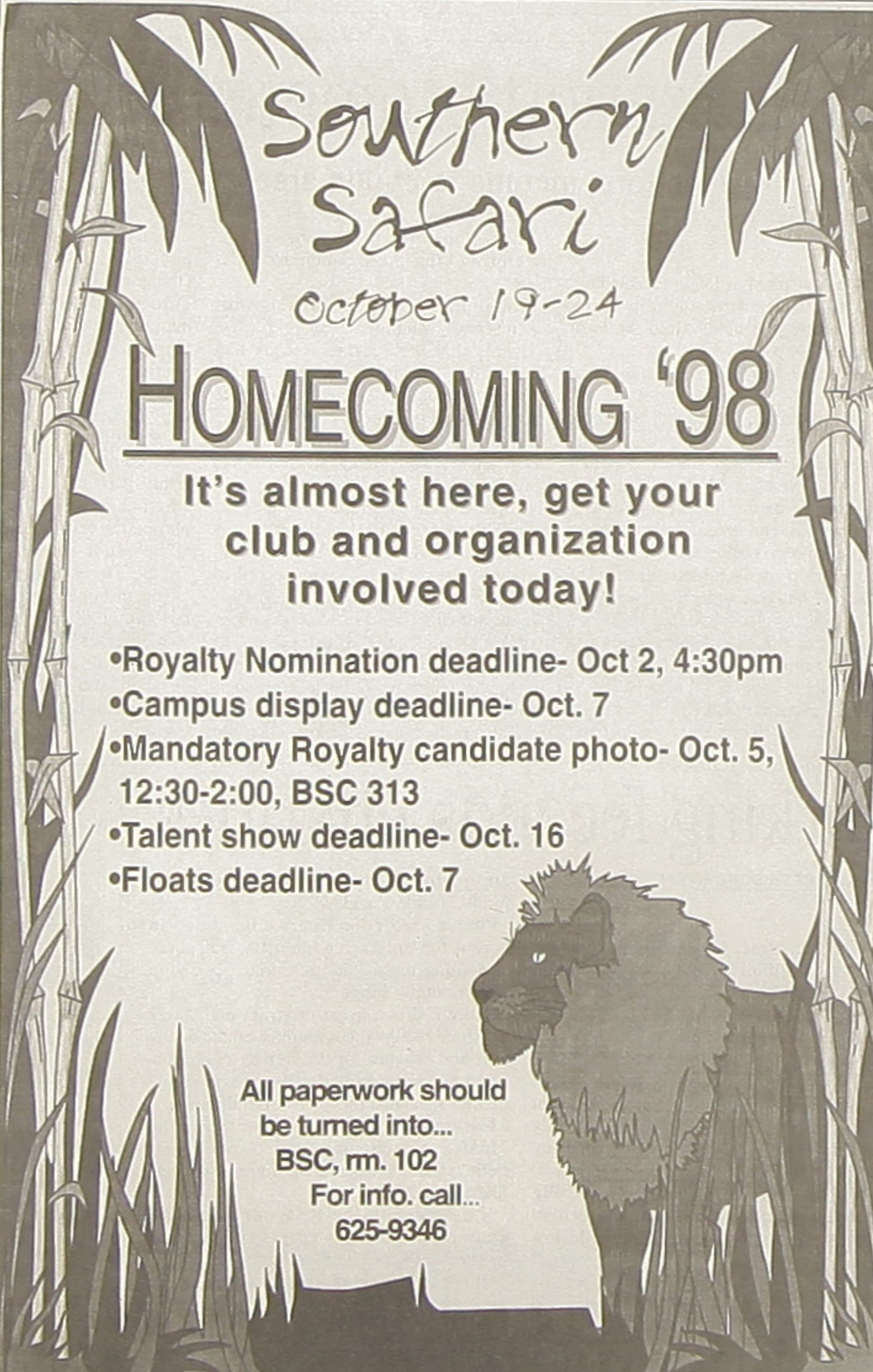
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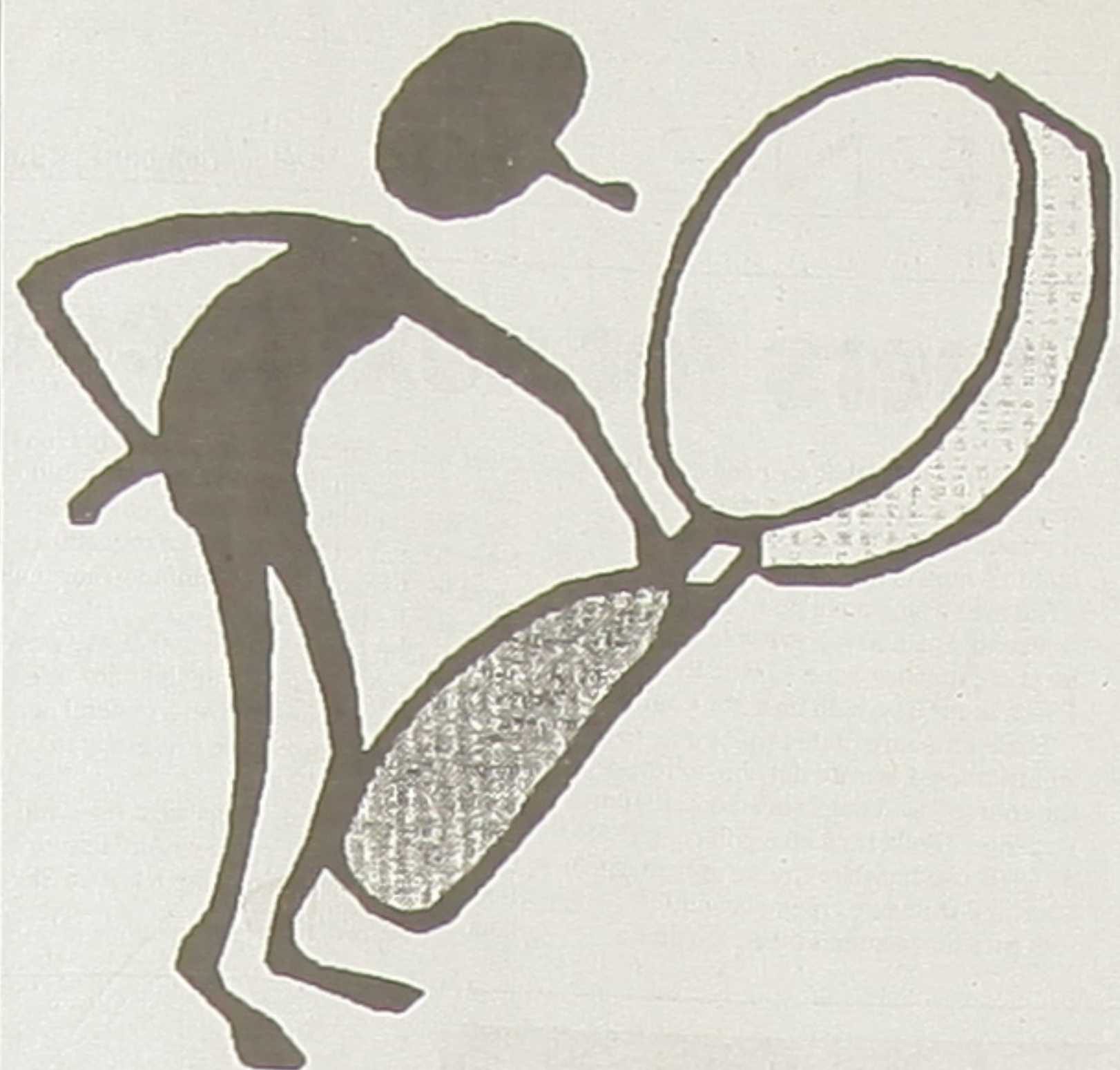
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**Sports Scope**



By Jeff Wells  
City News Editor

# From the bench to the battlefield

Plagued by injuries in their first few games, Coach Greg Gregory and Missouri Southern are starting to field "Tomorrow's Team Today."

Freshmen Joey Ballard, Antonio Whitney, Dustin Perkins, and Josh Brooks have stepped in for the Lions in the first three games.

And freshmen are not the only players moving from the bench to the field.

"There are several guys who have made an impact," Gregory said.

The moves may allow Gregory to exploit other aspects of his offensive scheme.

Senior Mark Lloyd is stepping into the starting role while Brad Cornelsen is sidelined. Gregory said Lloyd is an option quarterback with the speed of Cornelsen but has a stronger arm. Lloyd gives Southern the opportunity to pass the ball farther down the field, but can the team pull off the big play?

Insufficient pass protection and poor reads have deflated the Lions' air attack.

"I have got to analyze if it's worth the risk to pass on first and 10," Gregory said.

The quarterbacks have been sacked several times on first down with the primary receiver open.

Behind Lloyd on the depth chart is freshman Seth McKinzie. In the next few weeks, Gregory may have to turn to McKinzie to drive the offense. Gregory said he would split practice snaps with Lloyd.

McKinzie made his first appearance for Southern in Saturday's Miner's Bowl when leg cramps sent Lloyd to the sidelines in the third quarter. The series was not spectacular. On fourth-and-1, McKinzie mis-handled the snap and his lunge for a first down was repulsed.

McKinzie is a true option quarterback. He was a three-year starter at Gravette (Ark.) High School, where he directed a wishbone offense that was a simpler version of what Gregory wants to install at Southern.

McKinzie had 1,151 all-purpose yards his senior year. The year before he had 1,400.

He played the other side of the ball, too. As a defensive back, he led the state in interceptions with nine his senior year.

Add special teams to the mix; he also returned punts. McKinzie lettered and was most valuable player in three sports.

NCAA Division I schools wanted him to play defense. Former Lion coaches Jon Lantz and Rob Green wanted him under center.

On Gregory's first day on the job, he asked to view film of the quarterbacks the Lions were recruiting. Gregory visited the McKinzie home the next day.

McKinzie signed with Southern on Feb. 4, the first day of the signing period. His decision to enlist with the Lions was solidified with the former cadet commander's offense.

McKinzie is not the only quarterback on the horizon. Freshmen Josh Chapman and Tony Kildow also had impressive high school careers. Brian Clark may also move back to quarterback from wide receiver.

Over the next few weeks, fans may see what the future holds for the Southern offense. □

## CROSS COUNTRY

# Week off prepares runners for next meet

By ANDY SEARCY  
STAFF WRITER

Both the women's and men's cross country teams had time off — well, at least they didn't have a meet last weekend.

With an important meet coming up this weekend at the Miner Invitational in Rolla, both teams have had some intense practices and some time to rest.

"We're probably going to work through this meet, meaning we are still going to increase our intensity in our workouts this week," said women's head coach Patty

Vavra. "This week's meet is a small one, but an important one."

The Miner Invitational is an important meet because the course is similar to the course at Pittsburg State University, where the conference meet will be held.

The last two weeks have also given the Lady Lions a chance to get their legs back under them after having races for three straight weeks, including last week's Southern Stampede.

After not racing for two weeks, Vavra isn't afraid her athletes will lose their focus.

"I think it's a key component that we look to our success down the road," she

said. "It's a factor that we need after the leg weariness. It gives them a chance to concentrate on their training, which is important this time of year."

The men also plan to go to Rolla this weekend, again as a preview to the MIAA meet at Pittsburg State University. The PSU meet will be held on a golf course.

"Since Pittsburg State is not going to have an invitational, we are not able to review the course," said men's head coach Tom Rutledge. "Rolla runs on a golf course, too, which is conducive to the same type of situation and the same type of layout."

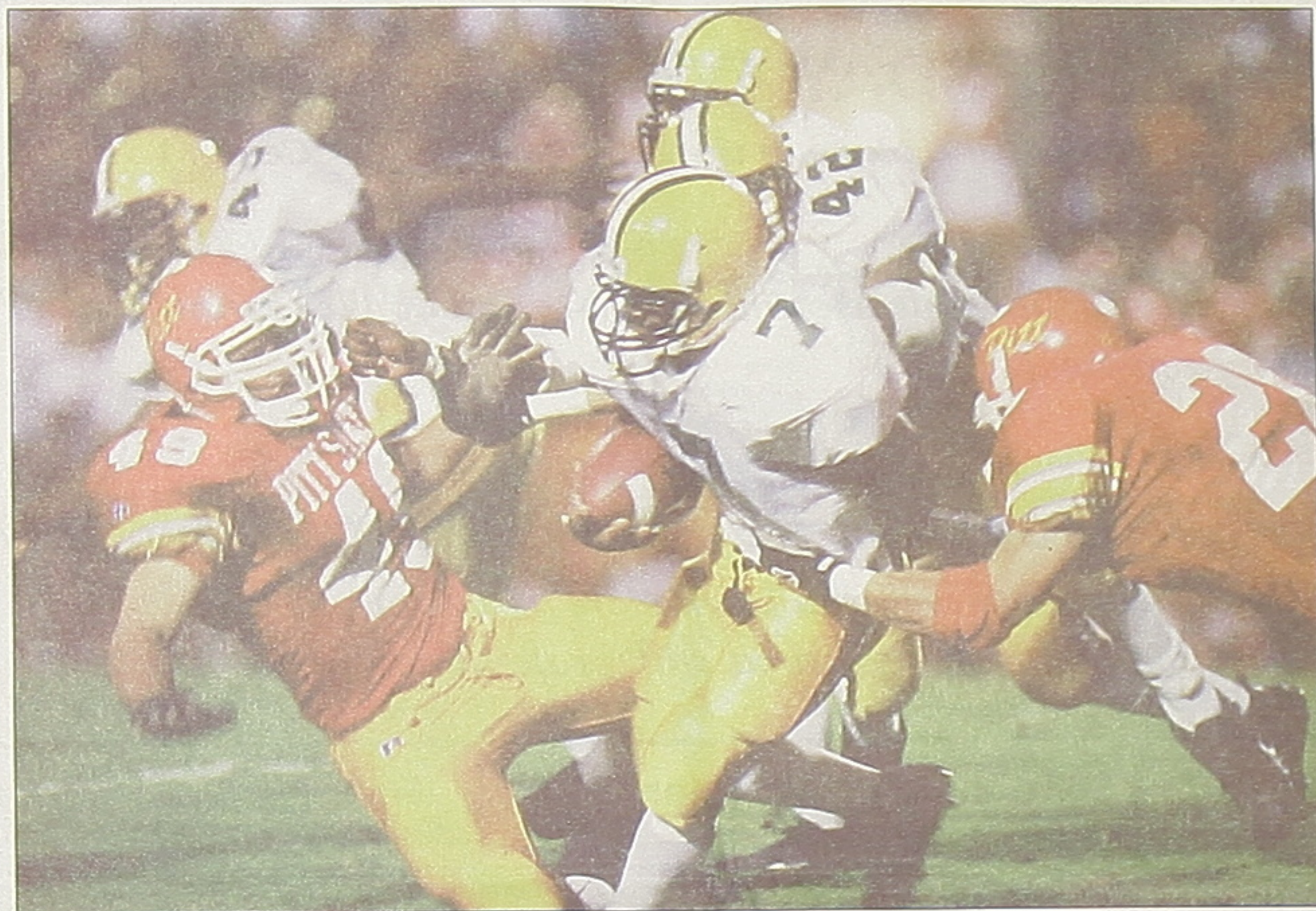
As with the women's meet, the men's

meet will be small as well. The Lady Lions plan to run with three other teams, but the men will compete against only one other team. The meet was supposed to feature eight to 10 teams, but on Monday morning several called and canceled.

"We had to try find a course that was close to Pittsburg's course," Rutledge said. "We wanted to make sure we had a general outlook as to what the course was going to look like."

The Lions' and Lady Lions' next meet will be the Washington University All Missouri Border State Championships Oct. 10 in St. Louis. □

## FOOTBALL



Antonio Whitney is pursued by Pittsburg State defenders on one of his twelve carries. Whitney rushed for 69 yards in the 20-6 loss at Carney Smith stadium. The Lions rushed for over 200 yards as a team. Next week the Lions return to Fred G. Hughes stadium to take on the Missouri Western Griffons. Both teams are 0-2 in the conference.

NOPPADOL PAOTHONG  
The Chart

# Unforced mistakes cost Lions Miner's Bowl victory

By ANDRE L. SMITH  
SPORTS EDITOR

If one were to look at the stat sheet instead of the scoreboard after Missouri Southern's 20-6 loss at Pittsburg State, it would be safe to say the Lions outplayed the Gorillas.

Defensively, the Lions held the Gorillas to fewer than 200 total yards for the first time since PSU's loss in the 1995 NCAA Division II championship game against the University of North Alabama.

"We have a chance to be a great defense," said Southern head coach Greg Gregory. "In order to become great we must play like we did back-to-back weeks."

The Gorilla defense showed up as well. Ben Peterson recorded 11 tackles and three sacks on the night. On the seventh play of the game, the 6-foot-3, 250-pound defensive end came free on a missed block and tackled quarterback Brad Cornelsen for a 1-yard loss.

After sitting on the field in pain, Cornelsen was taken to the locker room for x-rays, which revealed two broken bones in his foot, an injury that will leave him out of the line-up for four to six weeks.

"I knew it was either his foot or his knee because he got leg whipped," Gregory said.

"I never really concerned myself with injury. You protect your players in practice and play the ones who are healthy."

Gregory added that the injury was unfortunate and in

order be successful, the offense would have to improve on pass protection.

"I'm not going to cry over spilled milk," he said. "If we've got to hold people to seven points, then we hold them to seven points."

One of the reasons Gregory went to an "odd ball" formation later in the game was to cut down on the quarterback pressure. On several occasions the Lions had a receiver open, but the quarterbacks had problems getting the ball off.

"We got killed at the tackle position," he said. "Peterson ate us alive. We had to move our tackles out so that we could throw the ball."

Although PSU could not stop the rushing attack, the Gorillas were able to capitalize on Southern's mistakes. The Lions put the ball on the ground two times in crucial situations.

On the 4-yard-line, a misread by quarterback Mark Lloyd and a fumble by running back Lydell Williams halted a golden opportunity to score.

A botched quarterback-center exchange was the cause of the other fumble.

"No matter who you are or how much you've played, you can't put the ball on the ground," Gregory said. "You're gonna have some misreads in a football game. Physically, I thought we controlled the ball game."

Perhaps the most controversial call of the night came when Lloyd threw a timing pass to Tyson Sims in the end zone. NCAA rules state that if one has possession with one foot down, the play is ruled a catch. Gregory said he

thought the play was a touchdown.

"I have no doubt his foot touched the ground," Gregory said. "That would have changed the game greatly."

Southern trailed 13-3 at the time and had to settle for a field goal.

Williams led the Lions in rushing yards with 74 on 21 carries. Antonio Whitney added 69 yards on 12 carries. Lloyd completed eight of 19 passes for 76 yards and was sacked four times. Caleb Lewis booted a 64-yard punt, his longest of the season.

Marque Owens and Terry Wright led the Lions in tackles with nine each. Owens also had an interception.

The Lions return to Fred G. Hughes Stadium to play a physical Missouri Western team Saturday. The Griffons also seek their first conference win of the season after last week's 45-32 loss to Northwest Missouri State. Gregory looks for an aerial attack from the Griffons.

"They like to run their tailback at you, but I think they'll try to throw the ball and do some things that Northwest did against us," he said. "My main concern is not Western, but Southern. If we don't make the high school mistakes, we beat Pitt State."

Gregory said he thinks Lloyd is more than ready to accept the role as the Lions' signal caller.

"Mark played a solid ball game last week," he said. "He had a couple of misreads that cost us, but he had an outstanding practice yesterday. He is very mentally into it, and I hope the team will rally around him and continue to play with effort." □

## VOLLEYBALL

# Bunger shines, Lady Lions break conference losing streak

## Lady Lions volleyball team roars back after seven-point deficit, down Pittsburg State

By ANDRE L. SMITH  
SPORTS EDITOR

Coming from behind was not one of the Missouri Southern volleyball team's strongest attributes, but the Lady Lions proved they could do it Wednesday night at Pittsburg State.

After winning the first and third games 15-5 and losing the second 15-11, the Lady Lions found themselves down 13-6 in game four. A late 10-point surge helped them to a 16-14 fourth-game victory and their first conference win of the season. Southern coach Debbie Traywick said she and the team were excited about the comeback.

"We proved to ourselves that we could come from behind and win," she said. "It was a very exciting match and a confidence builder for the team."

Traywick was most pleased with her team's defense. Stephanie Bunger led the way with 19 digs.

"Stephanie played her best match since she's been at Southern," Traywick said. "We dug a lot of balls tonight."

Brianna Abel showed her offensive talent with six blocks and 11 kills. Meredith Hyde led the team with 13 kills while Katie Moore and Rachel Miller added 12 and 11, respectively. Amber Collins dished out 35 assists.

"We distributed the offense evenly," Traywick said. "We didn't make as many unforced errors as we have in the past. We're getting better."

Southern is now 2-9 overall and 1-5 in the MIAA.

Saturday, a red-hot Central Missouri State volleyball team swept Southern 15-11, 15-10, and

15-7. Traywick said despite the Jennies' No. 4 national ranking, her troops stepped up their level of play.

"We did some very good things against Central Missouri," Traywick said. "Our hitting percentage and kills were up, but we still need to improve our serving game."

Abel, Moore, and Erin Fielding totaled eight kills apiece. Moore added one solo block and five assisted blocks. Collins delivered 32 assists and Hyde had 11 digs.

Next in line for the Lady Lions are the Lady Bearcats of Northwest Missouri State tonight and Missouri Western's Lady Griffons Saturday night. Traywick said she looks forward to the busy weekend and good competition.

"Northwest is ranked fifth in the region right now," she said. "They lost to Washburn in five, and so did we. If we play well, we can beat them. Western has lots of tradition in their program, but seems to be struggling this year." □

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Debbie Traywick  
Lady Lion head coach

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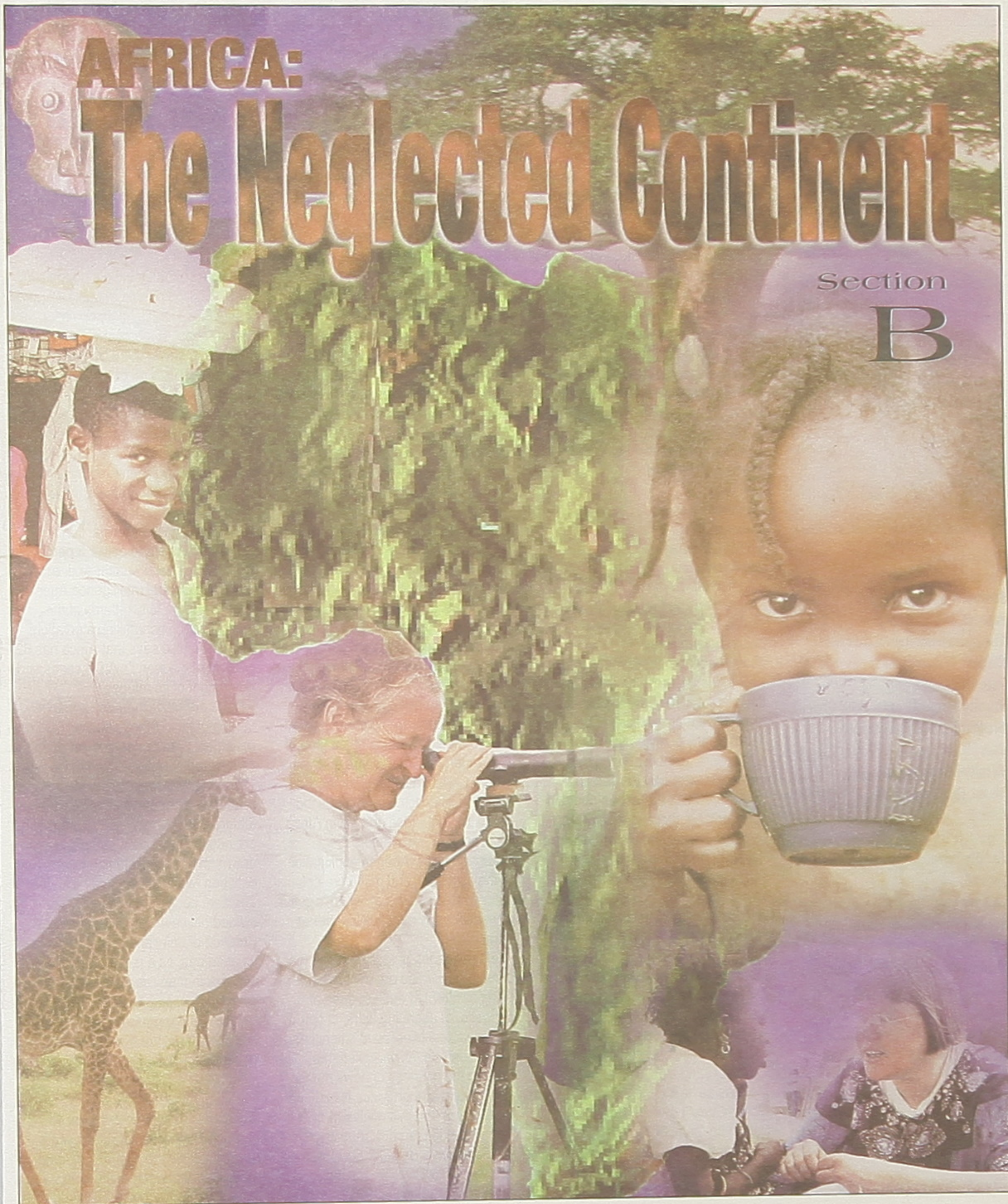


**AFRICA:**

# The Neglected Continent

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# Movie images don't offer real picture



Having been a child of the early 1930s in a small southeast Kansas town and in Joplin, my earliest images of Africa came from Johnny Weismuller's Tarzan movies: jungles with lots of vines, snakes of all kinds, monkeys and chimpanzees, and occasional snarling cats. I remember thundering herds of elephants and wildebeest and sweeping savannas, and savages beyond belief.

As the decade of the 30s passed, I learned about Lake Victoria, Henry Morton Stanley, and Dr. David Livingston (they looked like Spencer Tracy and Sir Cedric Hardwicke), about places such as serengeti, sahara, and Kilimanjaro, a man named Dr. Albert Schweitzer, and the stories of Egyptian pharaohs and pyramids, Cleopatra, the libraries at Alexandria. All these began to muddle the mind of a 10-year-old because all of them were also Africa.

Thus, many of my earliest images of Africa were, indeed, shaped by movies, but not only the Tarzan movies in which Africa was "the dark continent" but those in which Africa was "the biblical and historical land of Egypt" or "the romantic home of safaris and wild-game hunting" or where "the mysterious Casbah" was located or where Casablanca, "home to alienated and landless people," symbolized the new Africa. At Saturday matinees at the old Fox Theater in Joplin, I fought alongside the French Foreign Legion in defending desert outposts somewhere in northern Africa, and at the Paramount Theater I sang along with Gordon MacRae as he battled the Riffs in *The Desert Song*. I even tagged along with Bud Abbot and Lou Costello as they met "the mummy." There were not many African movies I did not see.

The war brought more such movies

and the newsreels of the early 1940s showed us battle sites in North Africa. Who could forget the tales of the Desert Fox Erwin Rommel versus British Field Marshal Bernard Montgomery? There also was the "definitive" movie about the war in North Africa, *Five Graves to Cairo*.

By the time I was a teenager, I was, or so I thought, knowledgeable about Africa, and movies had made all that knowledge possible. Africa, after all, was scarcely touched upon in my public school education, and it was probably a religion class in college which brought me my first in-depth exposure to the continent. A world history class as a follow-up helped, but I confess: Those early images linger, and more recent images dominate.

What I know today is still not sufficient, but I have made and am making progress. I know that Africa is the second largest continent on Earth and that it contains more countries than any other. It is becoming more conclusive that the oldest-known ancestors of the human being originated in Africa, that Africa was likely the home of the Garden of Eden, and that the intellectual greatness of Africa at the time of Alexander the Great, some 300 years before Christ, may have surpassed civilizations to come for a thousand years. Empires rose and fell in Africa thousands of years before the European powers began exploitation of the continent, and much pre-colonial culture remains. The continent's cultural wealth easily matches its natural attractions.

Yet the images of today's Africa that dominate my mind are of starving, dying children, of endless lines of refugees, of unending wars, of collapsed states, hijacked elections, and ethnic conflicts, all brought to me through the courtesy of news media.

"The world around Africa is fast coming together and this continent risks being the odd man out," Anthony Lake, a U.S. National Security Adviser, is quoted in *The Chicago Tribune* as saying in summing up the world's impa-

tience with Africa's failure to find its way in the post-Cold War. At one point in recent history, just three years ago, there was some form of conflict in 26 of the sub-Saharan Africa's 48 countries.

African countries have a population of 689 million people, roughly 13 percent of the world's total population, living on about 15 percent of the Earth. Their land, says *The Chicago Tribune*, is "potentially some of the world's richest, blessed with half the world's gold, most of its diamonds, 40 percent of its platinum, and rich reserves of other minerals, oil, and natural gas." About half of the population is young, below the age of 15. Birth rates are extremely high, and death rates are falling as a result of improved medical care.

But Africans share only 1.3 percent of the world's actual wealth. And, according to the Central Intelligence Agency, Africa is home to two-thirds of the world's population risking starvation. The C.I.A. also says that Africa has 62 percent of the world's AIDS cases and 40 percent of its refugees.

There are more than 600 ethnic or tribal groups in Africa and only 53 countries. Boundaries of most of the nations today were created in the late 19th century by colonial rulers. Borders may sometimes follow natural features, such as rivers, but often they are nothing more than straight lines drawn on a map, splitting tribes between two nations, in some cases. The Ewe people, for example, are divided between Ghana and Togo. Creation of unity among the peoples of a nation has, as a result, been a difficult task in many cases after independence.

Africa's entire gross domestic product is smaller than that of the Netherlands, with a population of just 15 million. Most of the African nations rely on exporting raw materials such as coffee, cocoa, or oil. The prices of these products have fallen in recent years, however, while the cost of importing machinery and other manufactured



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“ In Zambia, soccer is breakfast, lunch, and dinner. ”

# Lukanka dreams of shot at World Cup



NOPPADOL PAOTHONG/The Chart

## Zambian athlete overcomes injury, enjoys Southern

By ERIN SELLERS  
STAFF WRITER

From Africa to the World Cup is the goal of Missouri Southern junior Rasmus Lukanka.

Lukanka's home is Zambia, in southern Africa. He came to Southern to play on the soccer team.

Originally, Lukanka planned to attend Carson Newman College on a soccer scholarship, but a groin injury prevented that.

After a two-year stint at a community college in Iowa, Lukanka earned a place on Southern's soccer team.

"I've been playing all my life," he said. "In Zambia, soccer is breakfast, lunch, and dinner."

Lukanka, who plays forward for Southern, hopes to make it to the first team soon.

"We play a lot faster game [in Zambia]," he said.

"I'm having a tough time adapting, but I'm optimistic. I haven't played in two years. I know it's going to take time to get in shape the way I need to be."

"Coach [Jim] Cook has been great. He has given me the opportunity to be happy here by letting me play soccer."

Soccer isn't the only thing that has impressed Lukanka about the College.

"Everybody's been really friendly," he said. "Someone is always ready to offer a

hand, even when you don't ask for it."

Missouri is not so different from Zambia, Lukanka said. He is from the capital city of Lusaka. Since Zambia is in South Africa, the native language is English and the second language is Nyanga (Nee-yan-ja). Lukanka said most middle- and upper-class families discourage their children from speaking it.

He first came to the United States at age 11, and has been here several times since then. This helped him in adjusting, but Lukanka is getting used to things like population size.

General business is Lukanka's major.

"I love the business courses," he said.

He hopes one day to work for the United Nations.

"I'd like to get a job in the

“ Someone is always ready to offer a hand, even when you don't ask for it. ”

Rasmus Lukanka  
Junior general  
business major

business department, somewhere like Kenya or Ethiopia," Lukanka said.

Between classes, clubs, and soccer, he is getting the American experience, and Southern's international mission helped make it possible. □

# Semester-long focus draws attention to Africa

## Ballet Folclorico de Brasil, acappella choir highlight cultural lineup

By MARLA HINKLE  
ASSISTANT EDITOR

African art, music, and literature highlight a series of cultural events designed to feature the "neglected continent" as Missouri Southern celebrates the Africa Semester this fall.

"Africa has been neglected by this country," said College President Julio Leon. "Too much attention is paid to other countries. For this reason, it is important to have the semester dedicated to Africa and its problems."

Africa is a source of ancestry for many citizens in the United States and also a rich source of culture to the students and faculty at Missouri Southern, Leon said. The continent represents 10 percent of the world's population and one quarter of its land mass.

"I believe that many departments and professors will have opportunities to apply some aspect of Africa in relation to their classes," Leon said.

"Hopefully, Southern students will be exposed in classes or in some of the cultural events taking place on campus. A student coming to Southern for four years will have been exposed to four different countries or continents, which will broaden their knowledge of the world around them. Everyone needs to be aware of the importance of things other countries have to offer."

Many people often forget the importance of studying another culture, said Richard Massa, director of the Institute of International Studies.

"We often forget the importance of other cultures and take a culture different from our own for granted," he said. "African-Americans have a rich culture and they have shared that cul-

ture with us. We have taken a great deal from their music, skills, and talents."

Africa's global importance is also a benefit to other countries. Massa said Africa has vast resources and the potential to be a major trade partner with the United States. As far as students from Southern having opportunities to study abroad in Africa, Massa remains hopeful.

"We would hope to have some type of an arrangement set up with universities in Africa that would allow students to study abroad for a year," he said. "There would be language barriers, but students would have to be able to speak some French, as that is the language used in some countries in Africa."

Massa said the concept of the Africa Semester is still fairly new to Southern, and not everyone has determined how they are going to fit in with the program.

"Students should avail themselves to as many opportunities as possible," he said. "They should also learn as much as possible about Africa. We want to see some level of intellectual curiosity out of people."

Events highlighting Africa will take place throughout the entire semester. The first lecturer was Oct 1 in Webster Hall auditorium. Nigeria's former federal minister of science and technology, Bartholomew Nnaji, discussed Africa's potential for technological and industrial advancement.

Dr. William Hachten, professor emeritus of journalism at the University of Wisconsin, will discuss "The Changing News Media of Africa" in a 10 a.m. speech on Wednesday, Oct. 21 in Webster Hall auditorium. Hachten, who started the journalism department at the University of Ghana, has written a number of books, including *The Growth of Media in the Third World: African Failures, Asian Successes*.

The exhibit "Africa Through the Eyes of Women Artists" will be displayed from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 19 through Thursday, Nov. 5 in the Spiva Art Gallery. The exhibition focuses on tradition and modern women's contemporary art expressions, and establishes a link between African and

women artists. Also in the Spiva Art Gallery, videos on African art will be shown at noon during those same dates.

Jacqueline Brice-Finch, professor Africana literature at James Madison University, will be speaking on Tuesday, Oct. 20. The discussion will cover Africana literature and its influences on the literature of America.

The Ballet Folclorico de Brasil will be performing at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 12 in Taylor Auditorium. The Ballet is a 15-member ensemble of dancers, singers, and musicians that perform Afro-Brazilian dances and rituals from Brazil's northern state of Bahia. The ballet group will present a lecture demonstration earlier in the day from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Both performances are free to the public.

The Zambian Acappella Boys Choir will present a free concert in Webster Hall auditorium at 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 16. The songs are sung in several different native languages and in English. □

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Director  
international studies



# Wherever He leads

## Hayibor hopes to work as doctor on mission field



NOPPADOL PAOTHONG/The Chart

Missouri Southern graduate Allyson Catron presents Tony Hayibor with a surprise birthday cake for his 21st birthday. Hayibor is a senior biology major who will be graduating this May.

By BRIAN WIRTH  
STAFF WRITER

For Tony Hayibor, Missouri Southern is the place. Born in Ghana, West Africa, he thinks life in Ghana is pretty much the same as it is in the United States.

"In Ghana, people just try to do their best and live life to the fullest," Hayibor said.

Around the age of 10, he and his family moved to Saudi Arabia. The schools in Saudi Arabia and Ghana are quite different than the ones in the United States, he said.

"They emphasize homework a lot more over there," Hayibor said. "If you don't do your homework, you can be punished."

Some of the punishments for not doing homework range from mowing the school lawn to getting caned.

"Once I didn't do my homework and I had to go stand in the corner," Hayibor said.

Respect for one's elders is also stressed in the schools.

"In school, we were taught to respect teachers, school administrators, and those who are in authority," he said.

**"***In Ghana, people just try to do their best and live life to the fullest.*

**—**  
Tony Hayibor  
Ghana native  
**"**

When Hayibor was about 16, he moved to South Dakota, where he attended a private Christian school. When it came time for Hayibor to choose a college, he received some help from some friends in Joplin. The Udell family, whom he met in Saudi Arabia, told him about Southern, and he liked what he heard.

With a major in biology and graduation approaching in May, Hayibor plans to become a doctor. At first, he wanted to return to Ghana and help people there. Now, his plans may have changed.

"I want to get my degree and maybe go on some mission trips," Hayibor said. "I want to go wherever God wants me to." □

## Griffin visits Senegal, Gambia, discovers rich culture

By MARLA HINKLE  
ASSISTANT EDITOR

**"***There are just so many people there it is difficult to walk down the street.*

**Dr. Betsy Griffin**  
Head psychology department

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Although the trip was a personal one rather than through Missouri Southern, Dr. Betsy Griffin, head of the psychology department, remembers Africa as someone who was on a mission and had some wondrous experiences along the way.

"I was in Senegal and Gambia, and what I remember most about the trip is that the people were much poorer than I expected, but the culture was rich," she said.

Another experience lingering in Griffin's mind is the open-air markets. Because most of the people do not have electricity and items may spoil, they shop the crowded markets everyday.

"When I got back to the United States and was in New York, it seemed like a slow-paced place as compared with Dakar, the capital of Senegal," Griffin said.

"There are just so many people there it is difficult to walk down the street."

Griffin has not used much of her African experi-

ence in the classroom because her trip was so short.

"My trip was only three weeks, but in that three weeks what amazed me most was the work ethic," she said. "People still living in huts were working in fields, and their way of life is very agrarian."

Griffin does see herself returning one day, and preferably for a longer stay. Because there is so much to do and see, she thinks three weeks is not enough time to learn about another culture, especially one so different from her own.

"I think the usage of cultures different from our own is very useful in the classroom because the different aspects a class sees and hears aids them in understanding the world around them," she said.

The negative side was the throngs of millions of people, most walking on foot through the streets, but the positive outlook of the culture went a long way toward reinforcing values of culture and togetherness.

"The village culture is much more separate and communal than our one," Griffin said. "With their passions and amazing energy, the people represent a testimony to their survivability." □



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**Dr. Betsy Griffin, psychology department head, spent time in Senegal and Gambia.**



“ You always shook hands and assured one another that you are friends. ”

# Trip gives positive image

By SCOTT MEEKER  
STAFF WRITER

**F**riendly. Very friendly. Ask for their impression of the people they encountered in Africa, these would be likely responses from Richard Massa, head of the communications department and director of the Institute of International Studies; Dr. Chad Stebbins, associate professor of journalism and assistant director of the Institute; and Dr. Sabine Cramer, assistant professor of foreign languages.

After receiving a Title VI grant from the U.S. Department of Education, the three Missouri Southern faculty members spent their spring break on the west coast of Africa visiting schools in Dakar, Senegal, and Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire. Their goal was to continue the process of internationalizing Southern's journalism program.

There was, however, an ulterior motive to some of the friendliness they encountered.

"People would just sort of appoint themselves as our guides and then expect to be paid handsomely at the end," Stebbins said.

For Massa, the openness and quick smiles of the people was one of the aspects of the African culture that most impressed him. Even in the poorest subdivisions of Dakar they were warmly received.

"Even those who were in poverty, even those who were stricken with polio or leprosy, even those who were beggars, we became friends," he said. "We shook hands and visited with them. It was perhaps one of the most moving and wonderful experiences that I have ever had."

The cordiality they encountered on the streets extended into the marketplace as well. Massa returned with numerous masks and sculptures from Dakar and Abidjan that were

the object of much "hassling, bartering, and bargaining."

"But you were always bargaining on the basis of friendship," he said. "You always shook hands and assured one another that you are friends."

Cramer sees this bargaining process as one that might be difficult for many Americans to understand.

"To enter into that situation is to enter into a cultural rite of sorts," she said. "It's like a little game they play."

The persistence of many of the vendors often made it difficult even to walk down the street. The slightest glance at their wares was enough to cause many merchants to follow along for blocks.

One of the highlights of the trip, of course, was sampling the African cuisine.

"There was a lot of fresh fish and fruits, and the bread was delicious," Stebbins said. □



RICHARD MASSA/Special to The Chart

Richard Massa, director of the Institute of International Studies, believes the beauty of the African people exists in their faces.

Richard Massa, Chad Stebbins, and Sabine Cramer visited a medina in Dakar, Senegal, where mothers proudly displayed their children and encouraged the American guests to take photos. Massa, Stebbins, and Cramer had to pay the equivalent of \$8.50 to enter the community of the poor located in the heart of the African city.

CHAD STEBBINS  
Special to The Chart





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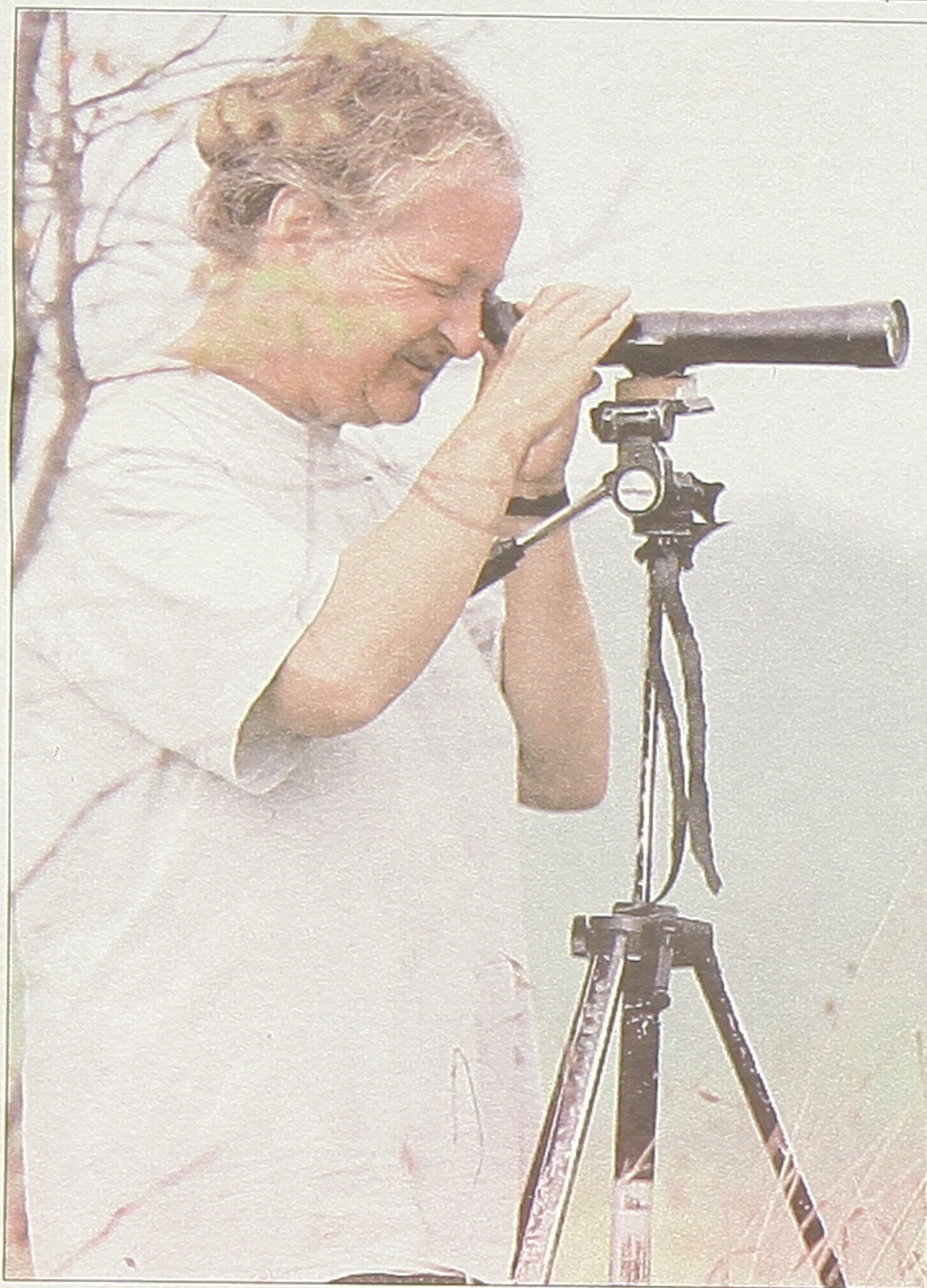
## Murdock researches

By MICHELLE CONTY  
STAFF WRITER

(Right) A sign-painter's shop in Mikumi, Tanzania, where all items made in or associated with the United States are popular.

(Below) Dr. Gwen Murdock, professor of psychology, looks through a spotting scope at antelope in a national park in central Tanzania.

JOHN COUPER/Special to The Chart



During an eight-month sabbatical, Dr. Gwen Murdock, professor of psychology, and her husband, John Couper, a mass communications instructor at Pittsburg State University, conducted research in rural Africa.

Murdock conducted research in Tanzania on African antelope and their social behavior. She observed at what age the young stop seeking the protection of the adults, or if the adults refuse protection to their young when they reach a certain age.

"Who cuts off the protection and when the young fend for themselves," she said. "I'm still in the process of analyzing the data."

"It took a long time to get going. We stayed in a hostel in Dar Es Salaam for one month. Then we rented a house in Morogoro, a city of 200,000."

Although the couple stayed in the house in Morogoro for two months, they rented it for the remainder of their time in Africa. Once their automobile, a four-wheel-drive Subaru, arrived and was retrieved from customs, they were able to begin. Murdock said the greatest hardship was getting the car out of customs.

Couper was doing research in a small native village. Murdock's research was conducted in Mikumi National Park. While on the plain, she stayed in a small metal building owned by some baboon researchers. Animals would come close at night.

"I would hear chewing outside my window when I was getting ready for bed. When I would go look, I would see buffalo grazing," she said.

"One night I was reading by kerosene light outside, sitting on the fender of my car," Murdock said. "I was enjoying the night and stars. While I was sitting there, I heard an elephant trumpeting not far away, maybe 50 yards away, then I heard this low, deep, very vicious-sounding growl. Again the trumpeting, then the growl, over and over. Well I got scared, jumped up and ran into the house, then looked out the window. When I looked out, I saw a hyena run by. The growling was deeper and lower than I thought a hyena was capable of producing. Then about a week later when I was at a pool where hippos hang out, I saw a mother elephant and her baby. The mother made the same low growl to direct the baby."

Murdock would sit on the top of a tall hill and watch the animals in the valley below.

"It was all completely wonderful and thrilling," Murdock said. "I never got tired of going into the field. I could always see something new."

"I could imagine an early hominid working out his life in the very spot where I sat. I would walk in elephant footprints. That sort of thing was just a thrill."

Murdock and Couper had to boil water or use a purifying system to avoid illness. There was not an incidence of sleeping sickness in the area Murdock stayed in, but disease was a concern.

The people and their culture made a deep impression on Murdock and Couper.

"The treatment we received was completely unexpected," Murdock said. "People would do so much more for their guests"



# AFRICAN

## Safari

### behavior of antelope

than we would ever do for a guest in our home. Set aside time, go to a special effort."

The couple was fed five meals a day by a friend Couper attended graduate school with. One man who had to work while the couple was staying with him sent his car and driver to take them to run errands.

"He (Couper's friend) arranged for us to visit all of the tourist areas that he himself never got to see," Murdock said. "One concern I have is if any of the people we stayed with came to visit Joplin. Americans are very unfriendly and ungracious."

"I felt completely comfortable, at ease in the village," Couper said. He stayed in a small, poor farming village outside Tanzania called Ilakala. His research focused on how people understand news.

"I was interested in how people make sense of something they get out of the paper or on radio," he said. "This kind of research had never been done in a Third World village, not that I heard of. Maybe in a city, but not a village."

The native people used everything in their environment and recycled it. Since the average annual income is \$100, everything is important.

"They would have one pair of clothes and wear them until they wore out then purchase a new set," Couper said. "There was not an abundance there."

Only one or two people in the village had ever used a phone, television, or a light switch, things Americans take for granted, Couper said.

"They have an incredible regard for America," he said. "They think it is the closest thing to heaven."

Couper said the Africans know more about Americans than vice versa. He said the Africans wear T-shirts with pictures of Mike Tyson, Evander Holyfield, and Princess Diana.

"These people got the short end of the stick," Couper said. "They feel very unimportant in regard to the rest of the world. They feel like it is all passing them by because they don't have a big economy."

Malaria is a real problem there. Couper almost died twice.

"This is a relatively easy disease to cure, but people just don't have the money for medication," he said.

Couper funded a medication dispensary, a small pharmacy of sort, in order to help the people.

Although the most well-read person in the village might have read a newspaper twice in a couple of months, the people in the village were quite intelligent, he said.

"This is because they are always thinking and solving problems," he said.

Couper is accepting small donations to send to the people to help support their village.

"The school ran out of chalk and was unable to purchase more because of lack of funding," he said. "The children don't have notebooks and pens or pencils because they can't afford them."

Couper is affiliating with churches to bring religion to the village and pharmacies to supply medications.

"We have so much to learn from them, about priorities, courtesy, and helping others," he said. □



(Left) Women in a cooperative group draw water at a village water pump in Tanzania. (Below) A Tanzanian woman bathes a child in the afternoon.

JOHN COUPER/Special to The Chart





# Berlin experiences embassy bombings



Kody Berlin, a senior nursing major, tends to a child with cerebral malaria in Kenya. Berlin's eight-week trip was taken through Christian Missions Fellowship.

By DAN GUSTAFSON  
STAFF WRITER

Kody Berlin, a senior nursing major, spent eight weeks in Kenya this summer and was in Nairobi the day the American Embassy was bombed.

"It was really scary," Berlin said. "I could hear the explosion from where I was. The whole city was in total chaos."

She had been living in a Turkana village a few hours outside of Nairobi and had come to the city to shop for groceries.

"I was just sick of eating goat meat all the time," she said. "I didn't get hurt, but it left a lasting impression."

After transferring to Southern from a small Christian college, the Joplin native was one of 30 people who applied with the Christian Missions Fellowship to spend time helping in other countries. Each of the applicants was sent to a different country, and for the Southern student, it was off to Kenya.

During her time in Kenya, the explosion wasn't the only thing that left an impression.

"It was a really good experience," Berlin said. "I learned a lot

because the people there are so primitive, and yet they always get by. It was just really good for me to learn that people do really live like that."

While in the Turkana village, Berlin lived among the people and slept in a grass hut. She began learning the language and eventually became comfortable communicating with the people. Her daily duties were to help the doctor in the local clinic.

"The main thing that I did was immunize people for malaria and tuberculosis," she said. "And, on occasion, we would take the doctor's Landcruiser to surrounding villages and immunize them as well."

"It is a tough place to work because a lot of people do die."

Berlin recalled a child who had cerebral malaria. She said she spent a couple of days doing all that she could to save the child's life, but inevitably the child died.

"It is hard for anyone to lose a child, but over there it is hard in more than one way," she said. "Over there, parents see their children as a kind of social security that will take care of them when they are older. So when a kid dies, it is like losing social security." □

## Mozambique, Kenya to be represented at conferences

### Southern's Model United Nations Club chooses two African nations to examine

By MATT MADURA  
STAFF WRITER

This semester's Model United Nations Club at Missouri Southern will represent the African countries of Kenya and Mozambique during upcoming conferences in Chicago and St. Louis.

Model United Nations conferences are simulated proceedings by colleges and universities across the United States and in some foreign countries. Each school chooses a country to represent. They then research the current U.N. issues to be discussed on the agenda for a specific conference, such as political, economic, and security issues. They meet at large conventions to simulate an actual U.N. conference to discuss those issues and delegations. The goal is to end with peaceful resolutions that benefit everyone and their countries.

Southern has had a Model United Nations Club since the late 1960s. This is the 14th year Dr. Paul Teverow, professor of history, has sponsored the club.

The week before Thanksgiving, Southern will travel to Chicago to represent Mozambique. Topics for that proceeding will fall under the categories of Commission of Human Rights, Economic and Social Council, and International Court of Justice.

From Feb. 24-27 at the St. Louis Hyatt Regency at Union Station, the 39th conference of the Midwest Model United Nations takes

place. Southern will be representing Kenya. Drury College, Pittsburg State University, and the University of Missouri-Columbia are just three of the 66 schools that participated in years past.

Being a member of the Model United Nations allows one to travel and intertwine with other students. The learning experience has an enormous range from geography, current events, debating, foreign policies, and also to obtain skills not available in the classroom.

"I am really excited about going to Chicago," said Jason Kiefer, junior secondary education major. "I can meet with a lot of new people and learn new things about other countries."

Southern students who will represent Kenya or Mozambique need to do research about the countries and cultures. They have to think like natives of the countries. They need to know allies, trading partners, and understand foreign policies of the country. The more information they take with them to the proceeding, the better equipped they will be for adopting resolutions.

"It is a lot of research, but it will be interesting to correlate that information with other countries and see what they know," Kiefer said.

Karen Altendorff, a graduate of Southern, will be the undersecretary general at the St. Louis meeting. Altendorff is currently a Ph.D. candidate at Oklahoma State University. She participated in three Model United Nations conferences while attending Southern.

"You really learn to understand people," Teverow said. "You will learn skills you can take onto the job."

Persons interested in joining the Model United Nations may meet Thursdays at 12:20 p.m. in Room 223 of Webster Hall. □

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education major

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# From Sierra Leone to U.S., student notes differences

By ELIZABETH SCHURMAN  
STAFF WRITER

Living in West Africa has a romantic touch to it for Missouri Southern student Jeff Jamaledine. Born in Germany, he moved to West Africa shortly after and lived in Sierra Leone for six years.

"We lived in the hills of Sierra Leone and my window opened up to a lagoon, where every morning I could see the dolphins swimming there," Jamaledine said.

In Sierra Leone, he observed two classes of people: those who lived in the valley, who were poor; and those who lived in the hills, who were better off.

"The people in the valley were always hungry, not how people here are hungry, they just never ate," Jamaledine said. "When it rained, their houses were washed away."

The only seasons in Africa are rain seasons and dry seasons.

"It's very hot and humid there," he said. "I could take a shower and put on a dry, clean shirt and be drenched in sweat in a minute."

Modes of transportation are considerably different in Sierra Leone than in the United States. Taking a taxi would be a luxury for many natives, although many times people would sit on each other's laps for lack of space. A free ride would be on the "poda pod," a small mini-van or bus that came through each village and slowed down for people to jump on.

"Most of the time people had to hang off of the poda

poda's, but if you got really lucky, you could find a seat," Jamaledine said.

He has returned to Africa several times, but after his last vacation, many rebellions and massacres were occurring because of a war with neighboring Liberia.

"My father, my two younger brothers, and I went back for my 16th birthday," Jamaledine said. "We had to cut it short because of the war going on."

Radios, newspapers, and televisions were only for those who could afford them.

"Our news was spread by word of mouth," Jamaledine said. "I learned my family tree from stories about it."

His middle names consist of his father's, grandfather's, and great-grandfather's names. Two younger brothers did not receive those names because they only go to the eldest son.

"In Sierra Leone, it was an honor to your family to use their names for the oldest son," Jamaledine said.

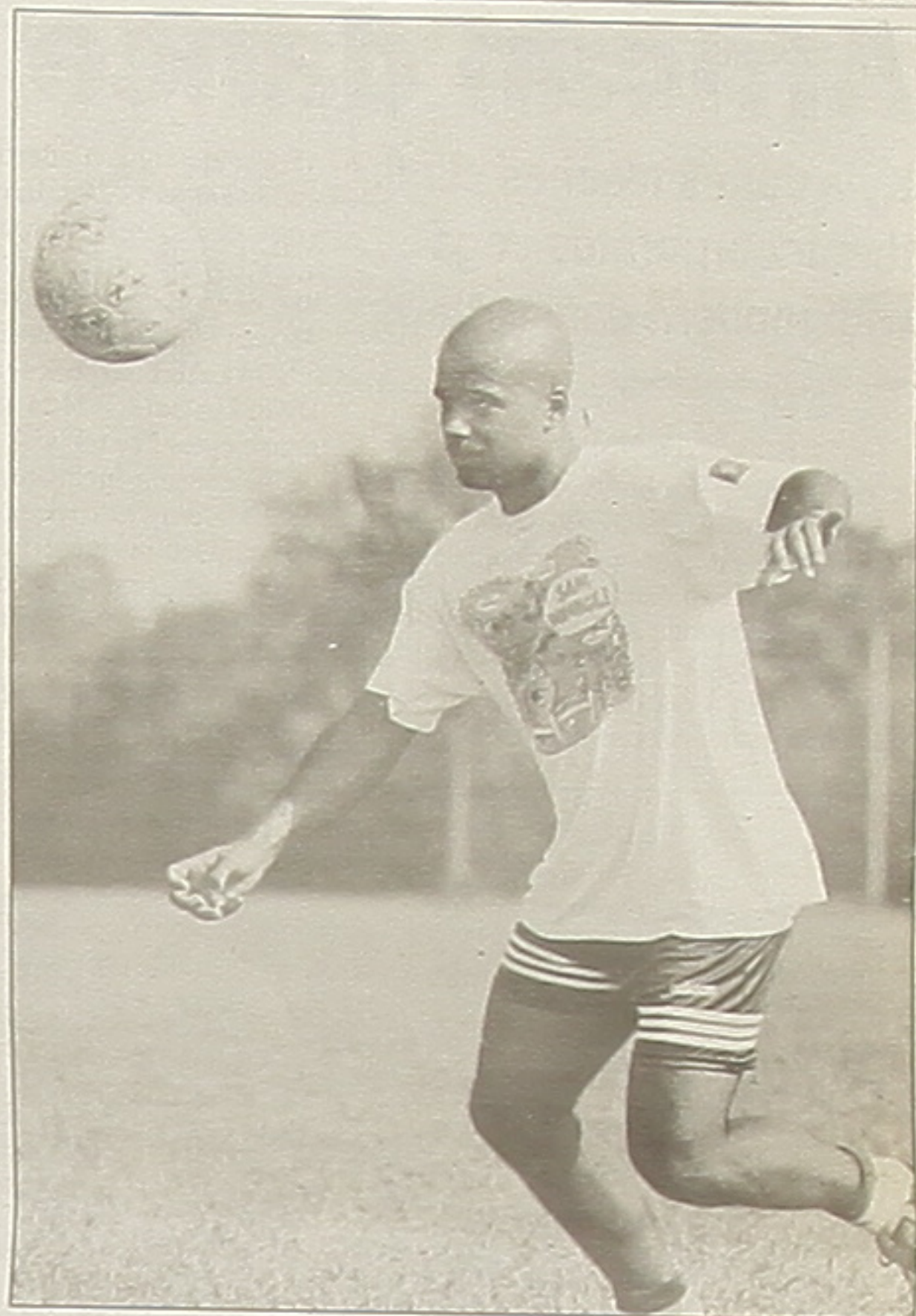
A senior at Southern majoring in international business, he chose the College because it replied to him first.

"I hope to receive my master's degree and hopefully discover the Far East," Jamaledine said.

He has six jobs at the College, is involved with numerous clubs and organizations, and is a member of the soccer team.

"Africa is hard to describe," Jamaledine said.

"There are so many different things to see. It's a completely different world." □



NOPPADOL PAOTHONG/The Chart

In addition to classes, Jeff Jamaledine balances six jobs, campus organizations, and is a member of Missouri Southern's soccer team.

## Eze hopes Southern will extend mission to Nigeria

By NATALIE WEEKS  
STAFF WRITER

Dr. Moe Eze, professor of manufacturing information management systems, has high hopes for the future of his country, Nigeria.

Eze is from Ibo, which is the largest and richest city in Nigeria.

What he remembers of his country is hazy. He left 22 years ago and returns about every four years to visit his homeland and remaining family.

Nigeria is still under military rule and in political turmoil. After a civil war in 1970, the military assumed power.

"I went there in December 1980, when the civilian government had taken over for four years," Eze said. "The military rule took over shortly after, and with an election in 1993, the civil war resumed."

Chief Mosidu Abiolu won the election and was the military man in power until Gen. Ibrahim Babangida, a Muslim in power at the time, refused to relinquish power even though Abiolu had clearly won. The following year, Abiolu wanted to give up his post, and Gen. Abachn took over and jailed Abiolu.

Abiolu said he would rather die in jail than

give up. Abachn continued to stay in power, and the United States and other United Nations countries sanctioned Nigeria.

These countries refused to have anything to do with Nigeria, but kept doing business with Nigeria due to imports and exports. Nigerian puts out six billion barrels of oil a year.

Gen. Abachn died of a heart attack, and shortly after, Abiolu died in jail.

The United States and other U.N. countries decided to lift sanctions. Another military man, Gen. Abdulsalami Abubakar, came into power soon after.

"The Muslims were likely to be in power for the majority of the time," Eze said. "The Muslim religion is the dominating religion in Nigeria."

Abubakar believed in the democratic-elected government and wanted it reinstated. His first measure in office was to release everyone jailed under the last general, Abachn. In May 1999, a democratic-elected government is supposed to take over.

"The U.S. is working closely with Nigeria and is happy with this general," Eze said. "The democratic rule is coming back, and rule by gun is gone."

Right now the governors of every state are under military rule and are not elected.

When the democratic government takes over, they will be officially elected for senate, congress, and other offices.

"The economy has a high level of corruption," Eze said. "No one accounts for revenue, for imports, or exports because the military controls, misuses, and embezzles the money."

School is a big priority to people in Nigeria.

"Young people will do anything to go to school," Eze said. "Parents will go hungry to put their children through school."

There is a certain level of competition to attend school.

"You have to pay to go to high school in Nigeria, he said. "Students struggle on their own to go to college."

When a student has graduated, few jobs are available. Many students end up going overseas to pursue business careers. When they have found a job, in the United States, for instance, they send money to help their parents care for younger siblings and put them through school.

"The main goal in Nigeria is to get an education and go to a university," Eze said. "If there were more opportunities for jobs, everyone would get their doctorate."

Since the country is so religious, crime is very low. Family names mean everything in Nigeria.

"Families try to keep their name clean," Eze said. "It is taken very seriously." There are four languages in Ibo. The official language is English because of the one-time British rule. Ibo, Yoruba, and Hausa, which are named after small tribes, are also spoken.

"I hope the democratic-elected government will do things differently than the military rule," Eze said.

Civilian government had tried to adopt to the U.S. form of government, but the military always stepped in.

"Nigeria can't forget the hope for the younger generations," Eze said. "They need to make use of their minds, or the country will decay because these people will leave the country and never return."

"If we do copy United States ways, we need to copy all the good things to make it great."

He remains in contact with his country through relatives and the Internet.

"It is a great country, with great people who hope to keep it that way," Eze said. "They need a good leader who will lead them forward, not backward."

"I wish Missouri Southern could bring some students here from Nigeria and extend the effort in international relations, especially with Africa." □



# African dance class benefits faculty

Kyla Jones teaches class that incorporates yoga with modern dance steps

By JANA BLANKENSHIP  
STAFF WRITER

Africa in Joplin? Yes, the magic of Africa is here. Dr. Joy Dworkin, associate professor of English, is a member of the African dance class instructed by Kyla Jones. Dworkin said Jones is a self-professed Africophile who lived in Seattle and performed in a marimba group. She also plays many other African instruments.

Dworkin took modern dance as a teen and ballet as a child. In college, she took a yoga class, and then an aerobics class after college, but said it just didn't feel like dance. She has been a member of the African dance class for five years.

"I wanted to take a dance class," Dworkin said. "This is by far the best dance class I've taken."

The classes incorporate some modern dance along with yoga in the cool-down and stretching periods. Dworkin said all the moves are traditional African moves.

"It doesn't require you to be terribly in shape," she said. "I'm not really flexible. You don't have to be right on."

Not only is African dance a lot of fun to

Dworkin, but it is also good exercise.

"The feeling of dance isn't just working out," Dworkin said. "It's responding to the music."

She said the classes are energetic and the music is "very upbeat and joyous."

"We just all want to dance," she said.

The classes meet every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday mornings at a new studio called Studio 101. Dworkin said it's a wonderful dance space. Although the classes are mostly for fun, the group did perform a recital on one occasion.

Dr. Betsy Griffin, head of the psychology department, has been a member for three or four years. She heard about the class

through an African art exhibit at the Spiva Art Gallery. Griffin said Jones was there looking for people who might be interested in taking the dance class.

Approximately eight people are members; five come on a regular basis. Griffin has never taken any dance classes, but enjoys dancing nonetheless.

"I didn't have any clear expectations of what it would be like," she said. "It was different at first. It's very aerobic, but the steps aren't that complex."

In addition to the fun and aerobic aspects of the class, Griffin said it's also a good stress reducer.

"It's one of the most wonderful things in my life," Dworkin said. □

## Student highlights Namibia before International Club

By NATALIE WEEKS  
STAFF WRITER

Although Namibia is where Nguvitjita Kahiha's father is from, he was born and raised in Berlin, Germany.

Kahiha recently spoke to the International Club about this southwest African country that is bordered by the Atlantic Ocean to the west, Angola and Zambia to the north, Botswana to the east, and South Africa to the south.

"Corruption is low in Namibia, the air is clean, the water cold, and there are a lot of diamonds there," Kahiha said. "There was a time when I could not return to my country because of the persecution of my family. Now I can go when I like, but I would have to stay at least three months to see all my family, and I do not have time to do that."

Namibia was conquered by Germany in the late 19th century and early 20th century, then again by South Africa in 1915.

Namibia is on top of the great interior plateau of south Africa. The Kalahari Desert runs from Botswana to Namibia. This desert is what the Portuguese came upon before the Germans colonized, believing there was nothing past it.

The majority of the population speaks Bantu and Khoisan. The largest of the Bantu people are Ovambo, who are from the north. The next largest are the Kavango, who speak Bantu and are from the north. The Herero speak Bantu.

About 80 percent of the Herero population died in the battle with

Germany, with 10 percent still living in Namibia. The Herero people could not deal with Germany colonizing their country.

German and the official language, English, are also spoken there.

A constitution was established in 1925 with an 18-member legislative assembly. In 1977, an administrator-general came to rule by authoritative decision. The constituent assembly turned into a national assembly in 1979.

African homelands were created in the early 1960s. The first was named Ovamboland, renamed Ovambo in 1973.

Two powerful regimes were set up in Namibia. The first was the Southwest Africa People's Organization (SWAPO), which consisted of the Ovambos, and then Southwest Africa Namibia Organization (SWANO), which consisted of the Hereros.

The controversy over rule by the United Nations ended up going to the World Court, which held up the fact the United Nations ruled Namibia. SWAPO decided to use military force, and in the late 1960s went to war. A cease-fire agreement was made in 1978, and U.N. negotiations fell through.

Namibia gained independence from South Africa and total freedom in 1991.

"The first man in the Ovambo party became president of Namibia," Kahiha said. "He is independent and peaceful, ruling a strong democratic system of government."

The type of government in Namibia is now a two-chamber parliament. □



CHAD STEBBINS/Special to The Chart

A mother cradles her child in a medina in Dakar, Senegal. The medina is a community of the poor living in hovels and shacks and eking out an existence. Despite the near-poverty conditions, the children are well-clothed and well-fed.



# State official comes from Zimbabwe

By GINNY DUMOND  
MANAGING EDITOR

For more than 20 years Dr. Cleo Samudzi of Zimbabwe has been involved with the United States educational system.

From beginning undergraduate work at Dakota Wesleyan University in 1976 to his current position as a research associate with the Missouri Coordinating Board for Higher Education (CBHE), Samudzi has made the United States and education permanent parts of his life.

"I haven't been back at all," Samudzi said of his homeland where his mother and brothers still live.

"Whenever I want to see my mother, I send her a ticket."

Though his wife, Florence, a Zimbabwe native, visits the country occasionally, he says he doesn't really miss the land where he grew up.

"There's nothing wrong with it; my wife has gone back and forth several times," he said.

"I am just one of those who thinks of home as wherever I am."

Part of making the United States home for Samudzi included not only four years of undergraduate work, but a master's degree and Ph.D. in chemistry and biophysics from the University of Pittsburgh.

While he says he is fairly adapted to the United States now, the cultural transition was not always so easy for Samudzi.

"Two things were equally tough," he said.

"The first thing was weather; there is no snow in Zimbabwe and no extremes between summer and winter."

"The second thing is that when I came here in 1976 Zimbabwe was still

Rhodesia and practiced apartheid, so I hadn't had much interaction with white people," Samudzi said.

"Everyone who saw me didn't understand that and they thought of me as another black person from the cities in the U.S., so a lot of things were made different by that."

Apartheid in the British-run country had much to do with Samudzi's decision to study in the United States.

"The other scholarship offer I received was from Wales (England), and my educational system was British," he said. "I had the choice, and I chose something different than what I was used to."

After finishing his Ph.D., Samudzi did four years of research in biochemistry and spent five years on the faculty of the University of Missouri-Columbia. He recently found his way to the CBHE.

"I think I have shifted my interest to administration," he said.

"I think part of that reason is because I turned 40 this year, and because I can see what needs to be done from the other side."

"If you're part of a policy-making group and have a reasonable sense of what's going on on the other end, then you can come up with the most reasonable solutions."

Samudzi says there are a number of things he would like to accomplish in education through the CBHE and may eventually desire to serve as a vice president for academic affairs at a university.

"What I'm doing here is basically what those guys do," he said.

"Not to mention bridging the gap between higher education, secondary, and elementary education." □



This display in the Spiva Library features pieces from the Dr. John and Pam Finley art collection donated to the College. Other African displays can be viewed in the career services and Learning Center offices.

## Displays raise job opportunities

By JOE ECKHOFF  
STAFF WRITER

One may notice something new this semester if walking by the career services or Learning Center offices.

Kristy Jackson, career services coordinator, and senior marketing major Kristen Baird spent more than a month this summer setting up an African display in support of the Africa Semester at Missouri Southern.

"Last year we really didn't give much support, and we just thought of a lot of stuff that we can do to help," Jackson said. "We really found interesting information from the Internet."

Jackson hopes students will stop by to discover how many job opportunities there are in other countries.

"This should show students that we can find them jobs," she said. "There are classified listings in Africa, and if we can get them a job in Africa, we should be able to get them a job here."

Baird made a discovery herself in helping Jackson put together the African display.

"One thing I realized was that people in other countries are aware of what is going on here, but we are not aware of what is going on there," Baird said.

"It is real important to know things internationally



and look into many different jobs; almost all companies work internationally."

Already, students are inquiring about finding careers overseas.

"A lot of people have been asking about international jobs, such as teaching English in another country and doing business in Europe," Jackson said.

And if students don't manage to stop by the career services office in the Billingsly Student Center, the display may be coming to a place near them.

"We are going to switch it to different buildings each month and give students of all majors the chance to see it," Jackson said.

"Each major is affected by what happens in Africa."

Another African display on campus was put together by the Learning Center.

"Every couple of weeks we will use flags of a different country in Africa that we will be covering," said Eillen Godsey, director of the Learning Center.

"Mr. [Richard] Massa, (director of international studies) gave us so much material and was very generous with helping us."

The Learning Center views the display as its primary contribution to the Africa Semester.

"We hope the students will enjoy and learn about the different countries; we will cover about eight countries in 16 weeks," Godsey said. □



# Band fuses Jamaican, African styles

By ERIC GRUBER  
STAFF WRITER

Fusing the musical flavor of Jamaican reggae along with the rhythmic roots of Africa, recent musical guests to Joplin brought with them an armada of culture.

On Thursday, Sept. 17, Victor Essiet and his band the Mandators played the Kitchen Pass at 1212 Main St.

Essiet, lead singer and front man for the group, said his band has been touring America for the last three months. His experiences with Americans have been

pleasurable, he said.

"There's been a great reception from all Americans everywhere we go," Essiet said. "Everywhere we go, people are so nice."

The group has had a decent amount of success ranging from playing stadium crowds of more than 80,000 people and also having sold 500,000 copies of its album *Crisis*.

Members are currently on tour to promote a new album, *Crucial*.

The group plays reggae with an interesting twist — all of the band members are from Nigeria. The music incorporates

musical elements that are indigenous to Africa such as African talking drums and Zulu and zydeco influences. Combined, the music "blends reggae and African elements in a mix that return the African roots to the electric era."

"Some members joined the band three years ago, but the rest have been playing as long as 10 years," Essiet said. "We've had some hardships along the way, but we just had to keep going."

Calvin Allen, producer and promoter from Brick House productions in Springfield, said he is "very, very, interested in multi-cultural diversity in enter-

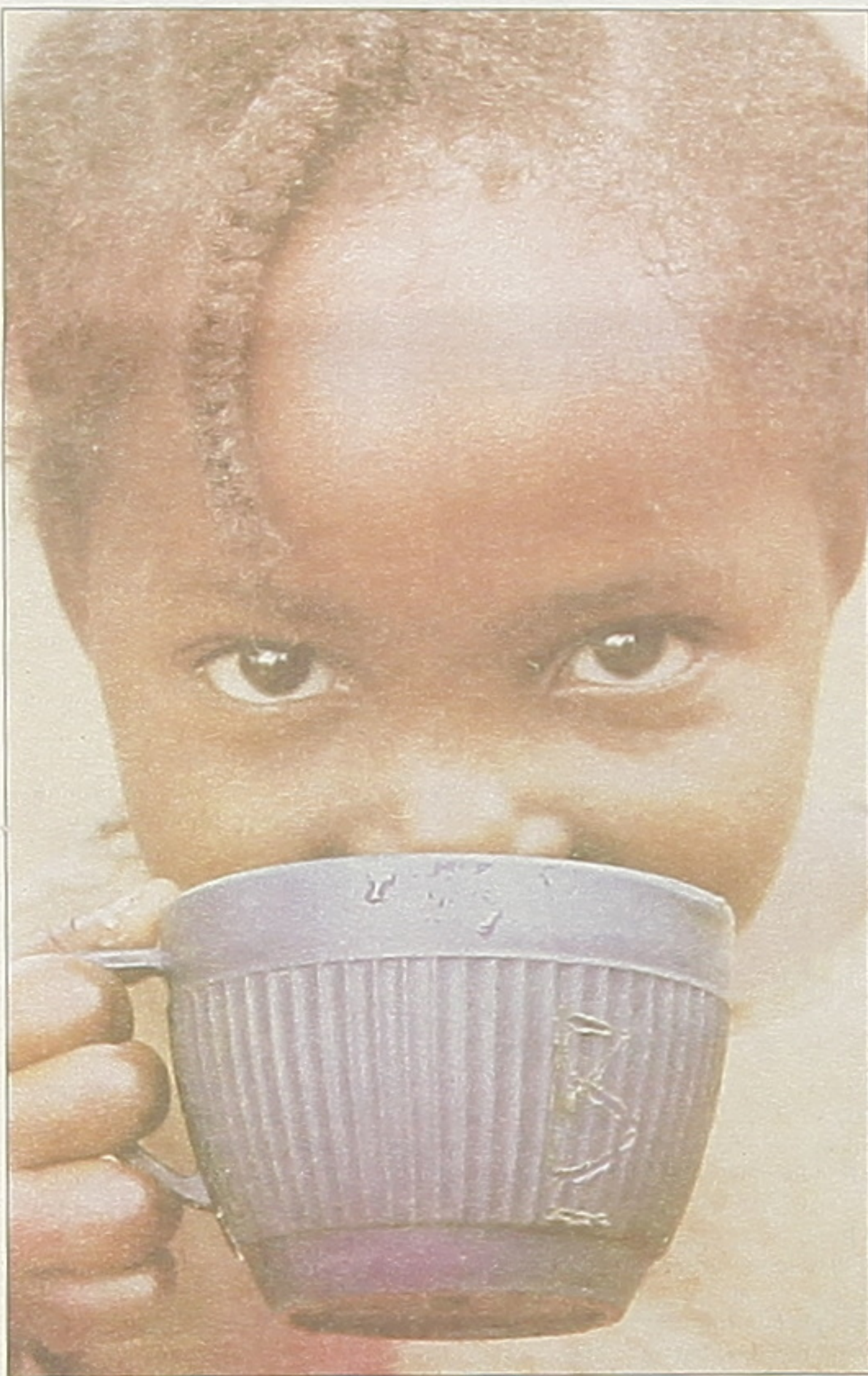
tainment." He said one of the most significant reasons he is promoting the group is because it is from Africa.

"I have African clientele in Springfield at my night club there, and they have been soliciting me to bring in some of their motherland music," Allen said.

The charismatic approach the band had helped it put on an energetic performance that showcased members' African roots and their love for people.

"We're all the way from Nigeria, Africa, and we're very happy to see you," Essiet said from the stage. "And, it's all about the people." □

## A TASTE OF LIFE



SPECIAL TO THE CHART

As Fall classes began in August, so to did the Africa Semester. During this semester events across Missouri Southern will draw attention to "the neglected continent."

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goods has risen.

Thus the amount that African nations can earn from their exports is often less than what they have to spend on imports.

These factors, along with a growing population, and the effects of drought and war mean that the economies of many African nations are in difficulty.

Yet, my images come primarily from the news media. I recall vividly pictures of children begging for food while behind them lay children too weak to beg; they were too close to death.

I see Africa on newscasts only occasionally, and even less often there's a documentary about the wildlife of Africa or the tribal wars or the famines.

I have read and re-read Liz Sly's insightful series, "An African Odyssey," which appeared in *The Chicago Tribune* in June 1996. I recall her arrival during a cholera epidemic in Goma, Zaire, in 1994, and

"There was no room at any of Goma's hotels, but luckily we had brought a tent.

A small patch of grass alongside the airport terminal already was crowded with journalists' tents, and there we headed to make our home for the night.

"Then came the first of many dilemmas that would arise in covering the story. Only two spaces large enough for pitching a tent were available: One was occupied by a large rat, which showed no sign of budging, and the other was adjacent to a wire fence, against which were stacked three corpses.... We chose the spot beside the corpses.

"When day dawned, the pointlessness of the debate became clear: There were bodies everywhere, heaped along the roadside, piled in doorways, sprawled in fields.... This is the real hazard of reporting stories such as Rwanda or Somalia: not the risk of malaria or stomach viruses, but in dealing with human misery on a scale that defies comprehension, let alone description in the bland, formatted style of a newspaper story...."

I have recently received travel brochures which promoted the idea of taking a safari in Africa.

There appear to be an increasing number of such tours.

Missouri Southern faculty have traveled in parts of Africa in the past few years, but to many Americans, Africa is still an enigma.

It has been "the neglected continent." □